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## ADMINISTRATION

## Search for deans continues

DAN WISZKON  
SPORTS EDITOR

Patience is the quality College officials are exercising as they continue their work of filling two deans' positions.

An announcement revealing the new dean of education and psychology could come as early as Tuesday.

College President Julio Leon said an offer has been made to one of the four finalists brought to campus in December. The new dean will either be Dr. Michael Horvath, chairman of the department of education at Bradley University in Moberly, Ill.; Dr. Thomas Deering, chairman of the education department at North Central College in Naperville, Ill.; Dr. Larry Harris, dean of the school of education at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; or Dr. Joe Blackburn, assistant chairman of the department of curriculum and instruction at the University of Mississippi at Oxford.

"At this point, there's not much we can say other than we just need to wait until sometime next week," Leon said. "Hopefully, by Tuesday we might be able to tell you something. We've made an offer to an individual, and we are going to have to wait until next week sometime to get an answer or response."

According to Leon, the chosen candidate has the requisite experience and understands the educational process.

"He's an individual who will represent the College very well," he said.

With the other vacancy, the dean of arts and sciences search committee still has much work to do. More than 100 applications were received.

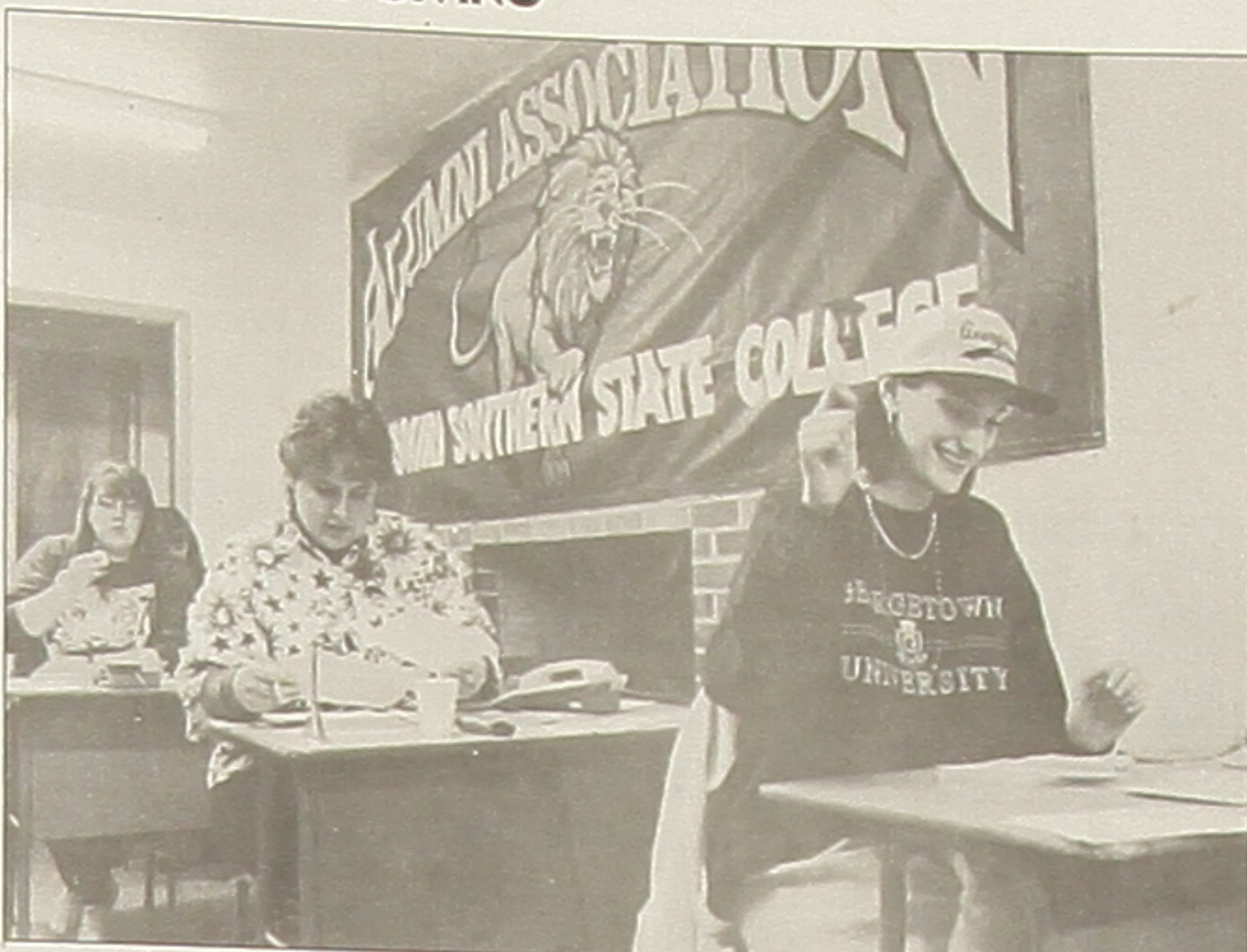
"We are in the process of making telephone calls and will be meeting again this Friday to discuss," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "But we still have a long way to go. With such a large number it's very time consuming."

Bitterbaum said the committee is looking for someone with either administrative, faculty, or department head experience who can develop a vision for the school of arts and sciences.

"The dean needs to be a Renaissance man or woman," he said. "We want someone who's a significant human being." □

## MISSOURI SOUTHERN FOUNDATION

## THE SOUND OF GIVING



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Senior elementary education majors Jennifer Ethridge (right), Donna Wagner (center), and Shawnda Butler lend a hand in the Missouri Southern Foundation's Phon-A-Thon Tuesday night.

## Callers double pledges in last hour yesterday

By T.R. HANRAHAN  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For an hour and a half last night, the Alumni House was riding high. From 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. volunteer callers at the annual Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon collected nearly \$7,000 in pledges.

"Isn't it wonderful?" asked Foundation director Sue Billingsly. "We just got lots and lots of response in that last hour or so."

"What is really great is that we seemed to get a lot of new people."

The \$6,805 raised during the home stretch of last night's session doubled the total pledges collected for the day. Yesterday's total for the annual fundraiser was \$13,620. That amount, when combined with the \$128,525 pledged since calling began Sunday, brought the total pledges to \$142,145.

Billingsly said the efforts of this year's volunteers have made the Foundation's \$175,000 goal a distinct possibility.

"I am very optimistic," she said. "This year the level of giving has continued to go up, and people

have been very responsive to our efforts and what the College is doing."

"Many of the young people here volunteering their time are recipients of the scholarships that are made possible by donations to the Foundation. They really believe in Missouri Southern."

Billingsly said this year's effort got a boost from increased advance donations. In November, the Foundation sent brochures to approximately 5,000 alumni and friends of the College asking for contributions to this year's Phon-A-Thon effort. By giving early, donors received a 1994 tax deduction. The response was a \$40,078 jump start for the 1995 tote board.

"We had a great response to our year-end brochure," Billingsly said. "The donations from this were double what they were last year."

In addition to the advance gifts, the Foundation received \$51,000 in pledges during Sunday's Phon-A-Thon kick-off. Other daily totals:

- Monday—\$17,420
- Tuesday—\$20,027
- Wednesday—\$13,620 □

## SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

## House Republicans to visit College, public Saturday

By JOHN HACKER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Business owners will have the opportunity to take gripes about government to the people in government.

Missouri House Republicans are sponsoring a series of roundtable discussions, with a stop at Missouri Southern Saturday. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 102 of Matthews

Hall.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Carl Junction) is a sponsor of the event in Joplin.

"What we do in Jefferson City just like there is competition for students in Illinois, Arkansas, and other states," Peterson said. "We are always looking to increase our student base with quality students no matter where they are from."

PSU has been pursuing some sort of tuition waiver for students in Missouri and Oklahoma for a number of years.

"As soon as the state went to increasing out-of-state tuition at a faster rate than in-state tuition, we've been trying to offer something like this," Peterson said. "We've had rumors go around for a

talking during this event.

"If business people have a regulation they think is unfair, we want to know about it," he said. "If they are having trouble with worker's compensation or the department of revenue, we want to hear about it. We want to know so we can introduce legislation or talk to the people who can fix the problems."

This is the second stop for the

roundtable. Burton said a discussion in Jefferson City in January attracted 30 to 35 business and professional people from across the state.

"That discussion was very successful, and that's when we decided to take it across the state," he said.

Many area lawmakers will be at the event, including Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), Rep. T. Mark

Elliott (R-Webb City), Rep. Martin "Bubs" Hohulin (R-Lamar), Rep. Gary Marble (R-Neosho), and others.

Burton said other state Republican leaders may also attend.

The goal of the series is to assemble a document with the problems presented by business leaders and specific solutions to those problems. □

## ADMISSIONS

## Pittsburg State to recruit students in Southern's backyard

Non-resident scholarship similar to program here

By JOHN HACKER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Missouri Southern may face competition with Pittsburg State University in areas other than athletics next year.

Starting in the fall, PSU will offer students in certain Missouri and Oklahoma counties adjacent to Kansas the opportunity to attend PSU without paying out-of-state tuition.

The Contiguous Counties Tuition Plan will allow high school students to transfer students who meet certain guidelines to pay the full in-state tuition of \$877 per semester instead of the non-resident tuition of \$2,713.

This year, PSU's in-state tuition credit hour is \$63 while

Southern's is \$64.

Southern has offered a similar scholarship to nearby Kansas residents for two years. Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, said the program has been implemented slowly.

"I don't think it has changed our enrollment that much," Gilbert said. "I don't think the number of out-of-state students is that much higher, and it has turned out to be a lot more paperwork."

Dr. Lee Christenson, PSU registrar, said the scholarship is aimed primarily at Missouri students who live in the immediate Pittsburg area.

"There are a lot of high school seniors who live in this area," Christenson said. "We have students whose parents work in Pittsburg who live only three miles

from [the PSU] campus but have to pay out-of-state tuition."

Ange Peterson, director of admissions and retention at PSU, said competition between institutions in different states for the same students is not unusual.

"There is competition among all schools for students in Missouri just like there is competition for students in Illinois, Arkansas, and other states," Peterson said. "We are always looking to increase our student base with quality students no matter where they are from."

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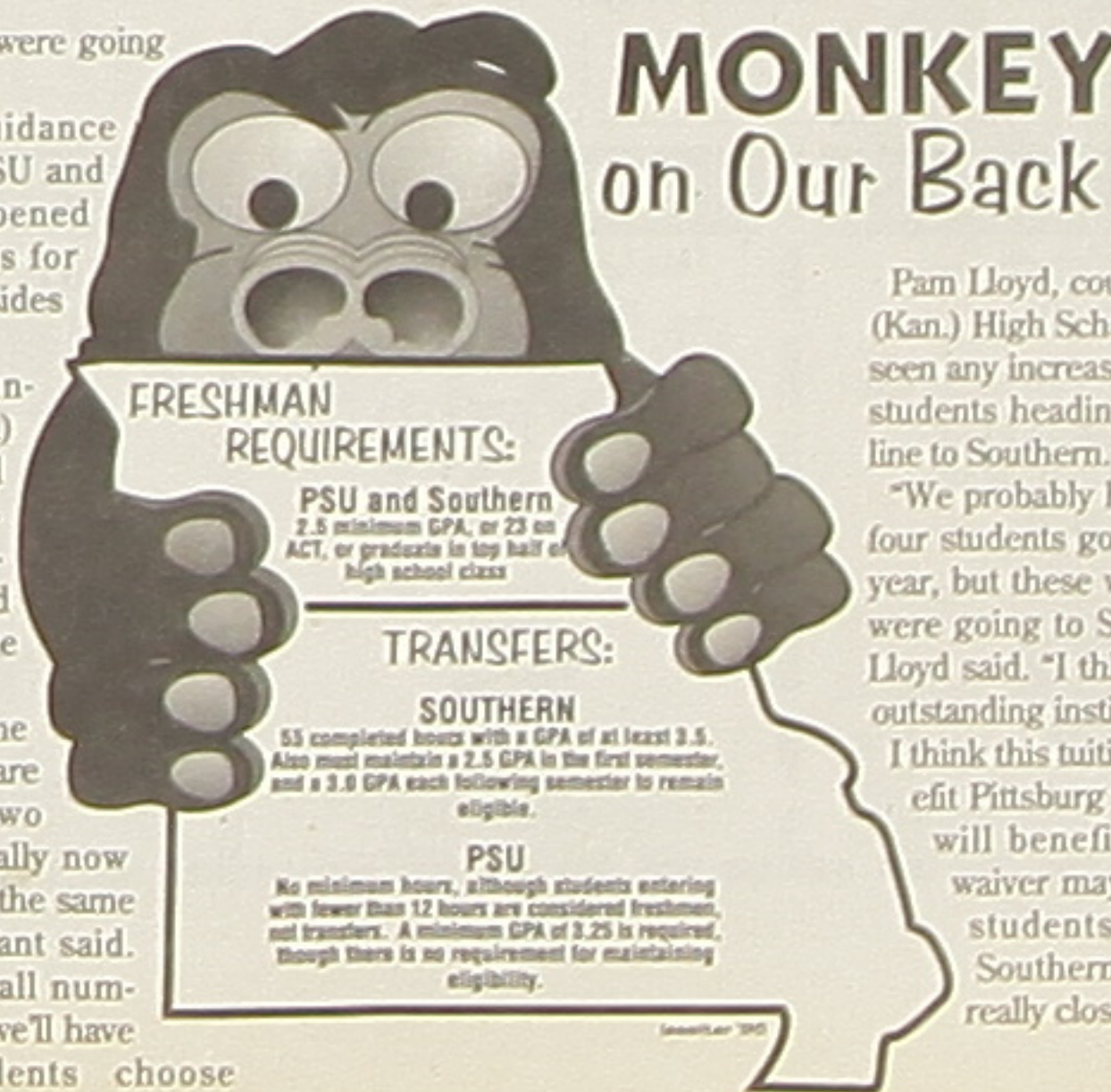
"As soon as the state went to increasing out-of-state tuition at a faster rate than in-state tuition, we've been trying to offer something like this," Peterson said. "We've had rumors go around for a

long time that we were going to offer this."

High school guidance counselors say PSU and Southern have opened new opportunities for students on both sides of the state line.

John Tant, counselor at Jasper (Mo.) High School, said the new PSU program has significantly influenced how seniors are thinking there.

"My guess is some of the kids I have are looking at the two schools more equally now that we are talking the same dollar amount," Tant said. "In terms of overall numbers, I don't think we'll have any fewer students choose



## MONKEY on Our Back

Missouri Southern, but I do think we will have more going to Pittsburg State."

Pam Lloyd, counselor at Riverton (Kan.) High School, said she hasn't seen any increase in the number of students heading across the state line to Southern.

"We probably have two, three, or four students go to Southern each year, but these were students who were going to Southern anyway," Lloyd said. "I think Southern is an outstanding institution anyway, but I think this tuition waiver will benefit Pittsburg State more than it will benefit Southern. The waiver may encourage more students to consider Southern, but Pittsburg is really closer to us." □

### FRESHMAN REQUIREMENTS:

PSU and Southern  
2.5 minimum GPA, or 23 on ACT, or graduate in top half of high school class

### TRANSFERS:

SOUTHERN  
55 completed hours with a GPA of at least 2.5. Also must maintain a 2.5 GPA in the first semester, and a 3.0 GPA each following semester to remain eligible.

PSU  
No minimum hours, although students entering with fewer than 12 hours are considered freshmen, not transfers. A minimum GPA of 2.25 is required, though there is no requirement for maintaining eligibility.

Illustration: 1995



## CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



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On Feb. 3, Stuart Stough, freshman computer information science major, parked his 1975 Triumph on the main drive across from Blaine Hall at 8 p.m. At 9:48 p.m. on Feb. 4, he contacted campus security after discovering someone had run into the right rear corner of his car, putting a dent in the quarter panel. Stough said he did not have any suspects and no one had contacted him about witnessing the incident.

## COMPUTER LABORATORY

By GENIE UNDERNEHR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

# Thieves hit Matthews Hall

Sometime between the fall of 1994 and the spring of 1995, 16 megabytes of memory were stolen from two computers in Matthews Hall.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, said the thefts occurred in a computer information science open laboratory.

"Someone took the screws out, removed the memory chips, and reassembled the computers," he said. "When we got ready to start the spring term, we noticed two computers wouldn't boot." Earney said he is not exactly

certain when the thefts occurred. He said they could have happened during finals week last semester or a few days before spring registration.

"These labs are open every day the staff is here," he said. "However, this particular lab is not open now because of the theft."

Earney said he already has instituted some security measures to discourage future theft.

"We are not opening the lab seven days a week and leaving it open all day," he said. "It is an unmanned lab, and we are locking it when it is not in use."

Earney has given Craig Richardson, crime prevention and

public relations officer, the task of researching security options for the laboratories.

"I'm looking into an exact to 15 different types of measures," Richardson said.

Some of the options include closed-circuit television, alarms, mechanical tie-downs, visual alarms, and sensory devices.

"All I'm doing is collecting information, and I will present it to the administration. They make the final decision," Richardson said.

"We have to research thoroughly and consider costs and

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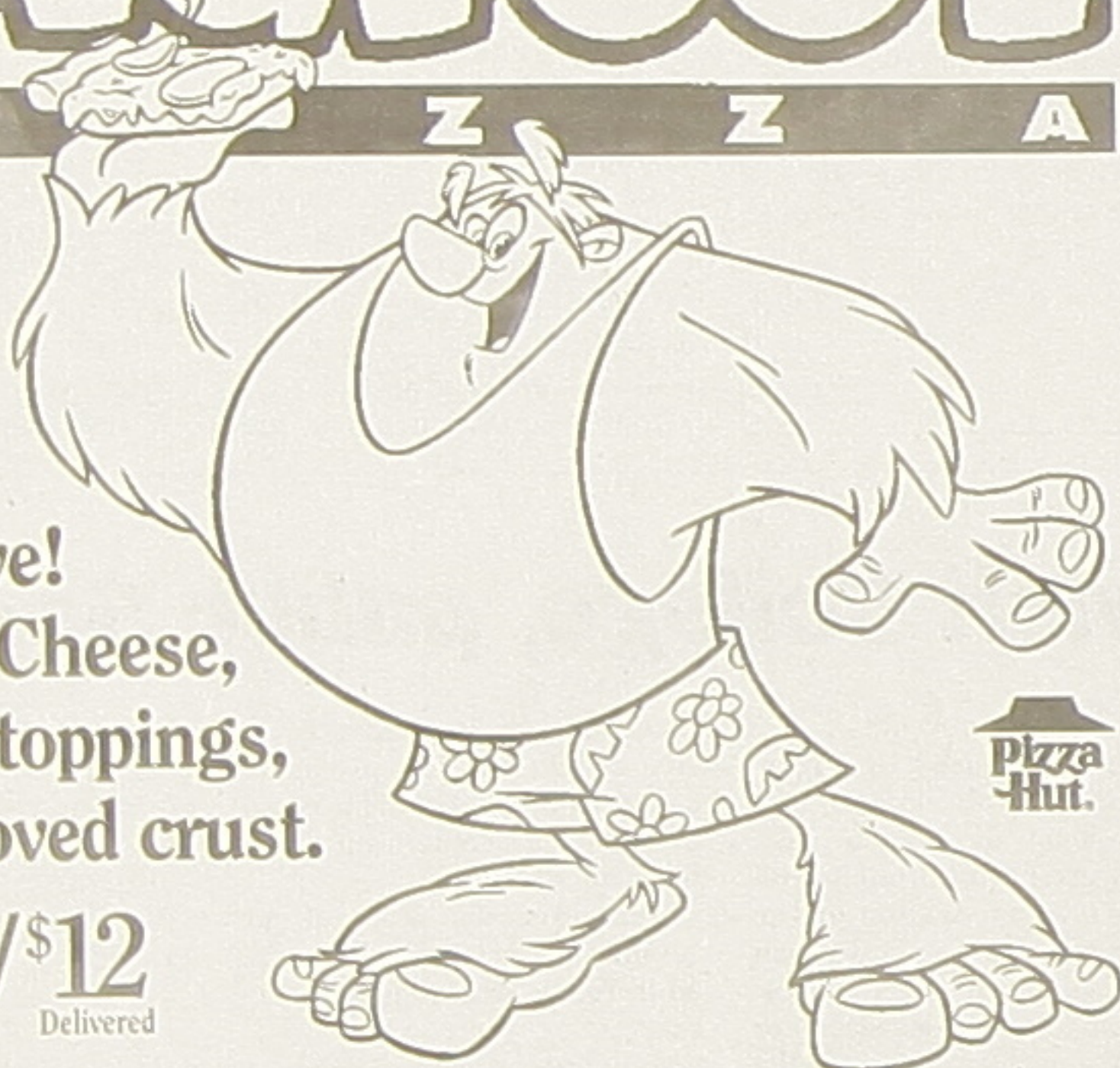


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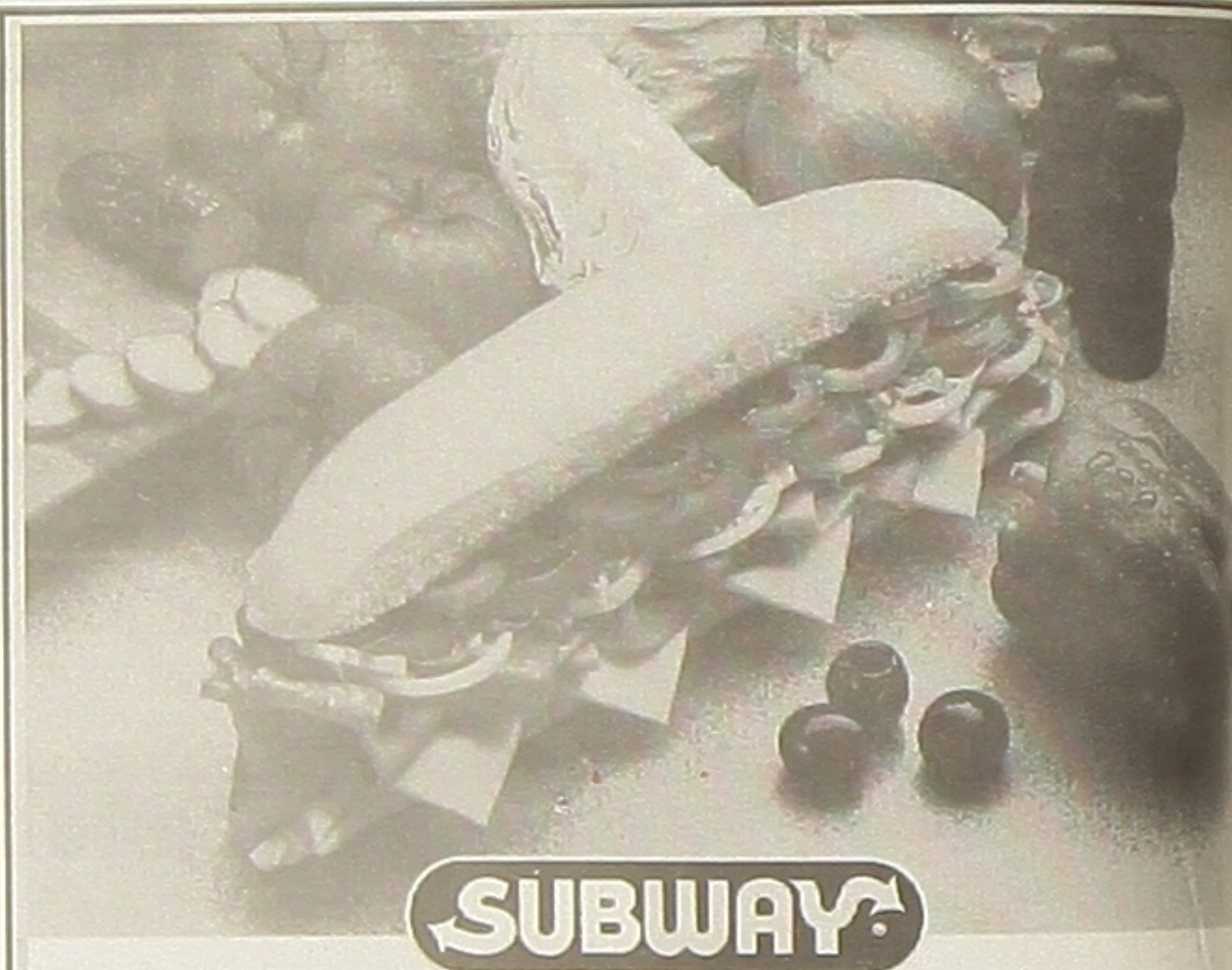
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**STUDENT SENATE**

# Indoor commencement receives thumbs up, Bitterbaum to decide

Handicapped access among considerations cited for last night's recommendation

By GENE UNDERNEHR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

After a short discussion last night, the Student Senate voted to recommend that the May graduation take place in Taylor Auditorium instead of in Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

The recommendation goes to Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, who will then present the information to the graduation committee.

Senate President Stacy Schoen and senior senator Jennifer Kuncel were two of the three students who were present at the graduation committee's discussion last week.

"When I went into the meeting, I thought I was convinced I wanted an outside graduation," Kuncel said. "But I listened to the arguments for

both sides, and now I recommend we hold it inside."

Schoen and Kuncel said advantages of holding an inside graduation include having comfortable seats, being out of the sun, and having access for handicapped persons. Also, Schoen said if an outside graduation is held, the committee will have to prepare both locations in case of inclement weather.

Kuncel said the argument that having an inside ceremony decreases the number of tickets given to family members is misleading.

"There is a four-ticket limit," she said. "After graduation notices are posted, graduates can come and pick up their four tickets."

"After two weeks, the remaining tickets will be sent out again to graduates, but only in four-ticket increments."

In other business, the Senate selected five new senators (two freshmen, one sophomore, one junior, and one senior) from the 17 students who applied for the positions. New senators are Donna Davis, freshman business major; Nicole Berkner, freshman biology major; Kimberly Gilman, sophomore political science major; Liliana Valencia, junior music education major; and Christopher O'Connell, senior political science major.

John Weedn, head of the diversification committee, said the committee has begun working on teacher appreciation awards. Jennifer Schumaker, a member of the committee, encouraged the senators to think of possible awards, serious or silly, to give to instructors.

"We thought the Senate would vote on the categories first, to nar-

row the candidates to two or three teachers," Schumaker said. "Then we will have campus-wide elections open to all the students."

The treasury balance, which totaled \$7,450.77 at the start of the meeting, dropped to \$4,704.77.

Organizations receiving funding were the Criminal Justice Student Association, \$1,000; Koinonia, \$1,000; and the Missouri Southern Student Athletic Trainers, \$746.

Organizations in line for allocations next week include Alpha Kappa Delta, the Society for Advancement of Management, the Student Council for Exceptional Children, the Student American Dental Hygiene Association, Alpha Epsilon Rho, Pi Omega Pi, the Psychology Club, and one class, History of the Holocaust. □

## ON BENDED KNEE



RON GRABER/Special to The Chart

Leigh Hughes, sophomore psychology major, accepts a marriage proposal from Dan Kirkpatrick of Olathe, Kan., at the Lamar High School basketball homecoming Friday. Hughes was Lamar's Homecoming queen in 1993 and Kirkpatrick decided to ask her after finding out she received her first kiss at the 1993 coronation.

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factors," Earney said. "The security measures should be reasonably priced and unobtrusive."

Earney added that he may not choose to instigate new security

measures.

"This theft was a very minor occurrence," he said. "The chips cost \$640 to replace; weigh that against what it would cost to pro-

tect them. It's not the kind of problem we're going to spend an inordinate amount of money to correct."

Earney said his main concern is

keeping the laboratories accessible to students.

"The loss is relatively minor versus the utility of having these labs available to people," he said. □



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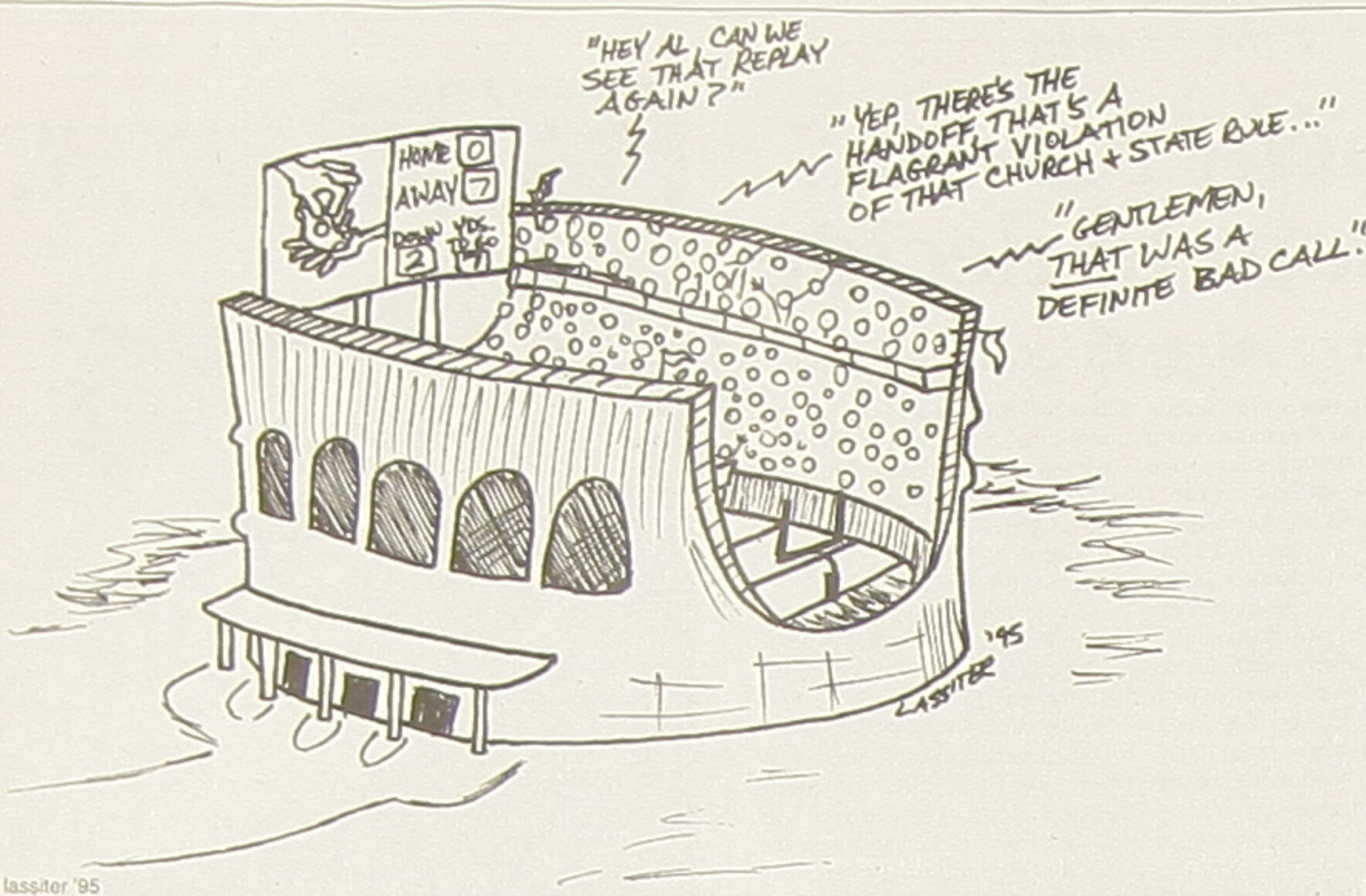


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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## Stop and think, Senate

Here we go again.

Why can't Missouri Southern's Student Senate understand the problem created by allocating \$1,000 to Koinonia?

While the group is a recognized student organization, it is also a campus Christian ministry. By giving Koinonia money from the Student Senate coffers, the good senators have taken an ax to the wall separating church and state.

The money the Senate disperses each semester is paid to and collected by a state institution. The Senate is a governing body of that institution. It is bound by the Missouri Open Meetings Law, it utilizes state buildings to carry out its official duties, and it doles out state revenues collected as student activity fees.

The Senate is elected to represent us and to

make the tough decisions about spending our student activity fees. Usually they do a fine job. This time, however, they made a bonehead call.

By allocating state monies for God's work, the Senate has continued its poor tradition of ignoring the separation between the spiritual and secular worlds.

With more than three months of school remaining, the Senate now finds itself with just \$4,704 remaining. Last night they allocated \$2,746. At this rate, they will be broke in less than a month—without raising church/state concerns.

While Koinonia is a good and welcome member of the campus community, the Senate has put into practice what we hope it deplores in principle—destruction of the wall between church and state. Bad move, gang. □

## Southern's generous friends

Now.

That is about all that can be said about the nearly \$7,000 raised in 90 minutes last night by volunteer callers at the Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon. The Phon-A-Thon is successful and that is not a surprise. What is a surprise is the incredible outpouring of generosity in so short a time.

Way to go alumni and friends of the College who pitched in to make such a fairy-tale evening a reality. With your help, the total of pledges as of this morning stands at more than \$140,000 and the goal of \$175,000 for scholarships, equipment, and fine arts is now within sight.

For a good many years, the Foundation has worked hard to supplement monies allocated by the state. Often, that state money was less than expected and always less than was needed. The private gifts of individuals and local businesses

has helped bring Southern into the 1990s and has helped prepare her and her students for the next century. The credit for this goes to Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, and Dr. Kreta Gladden, director of alumni affairs. They keep the Foundation going and the donations coming. They also keep the smiles coming with the encouragement they provide for the Phon-A-Thon volunteers.

Thanks should also go to the many volunteers who make the calls and process the pledges each year. These folks do what they do because they believe in the College and because they want an institution like Southern in their community.

Last year, the Phon-A-Thon netted more than \$200,000 for the College. This year, the generosity continues and the tote board continues to climb. As a campus community we should be both proud and grateful for all the good folks who love Southern. □

## YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail addresses: TheChart@aol.com or HRKP31E@prodigy.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## Russian students seek American hospitality

Fifteen boys and girls from the northern Russian port city of Archangel will arrive in Joplin on Saturday, Feb. 18 to live for one to three months with host families in the Joplin area. The purpose of the visits is for them to improve their English—all are students in Archangel's prestigious Lyceum No. 19, which specializes in English education—and to make friendships with Americans and experience their way of life.

We still need host families for some of these students, aged 13 to 15, and would like to hear from any family who might be able to help in this regard. We also need a host family (for one month)

for the principal of the lyceum, Mr. Sergei Porygin. He is 36 years old and speaks excellent English.

Our organization, based in Archangel, is called World Experience Association (Tvoi Opyt v Mire in Russian) and has for seven years successfully carried out educational exchanges between residents of Archangel Province and localities in Germany, Poland, Spain, and the United States. The Joplin connection grew from friendships with Joplin residents who participated in a Peace Walk in northern Russia in the summer of 1990. Our organization is currently in the process of negotiating an agreement with Missouri Southern State College for the exchange

of university students and faculty.

We are planning to organize a trip to Archangel and other places in Russia, with home-stays, for Joplin-area residents in the summer of 1995.

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Tatiana Shchukina, former vice mayor of Archangel  
Yelena Skroznikova, president, W.E.A.  
William R. Carter II, assistant professor of communications, Missouri Southern

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Mayberry, Missouri

### Look to stars, but don't ignore sinkholes

In order to further my college education I, like many students, packed up my belongings and moved to the Joplin area. As a non-traditional student with a teenage daughter, moving was a major ordeal.

I tried to prepare for the transition, but I wasn't prepared for the culture shock of relocating from St. Louis to Cartersville.

Subcon-

sciously I

held an idyl-

lic dream of

escaping the

"rat race" of

city life.

Since mov-

ing to Car-

tersville, I

have met a number of individuals who

seem to remain in a cocoon oblivious to the

realities of life around them. In no way do I

mean to put everyone into the same collec-

tive sociocultural consciousness. But there

are some people who, despite access to

world and local news, cling to the belief

that this area is identical to Mayberry, N.C.

The following is a typical example of

conversations I have had with some local

residents.

"You're from St. Louis?" asks Bob (not

his real name). "I don't like the city. You

can get killed there. It's so safe here you

don't have to lock your doors."

These remarks never fail to amaze me. I

want to say "read a paper, watch the news."

Neosho has drive-by shootings. The

Jasper County drug task force makes

drug busts recovering large weapon

caches regularly. Lafayette House has a

sexual assault hot line. Burglary, murder,

and crimes of all sorts do happen here,

just like everywhere else.

This isn't Mayberry, for Pete's sake.

Sheriff Taylor's worst problems were Otis

having a snootful, Aunt Bea and Floyd get-

ting cranky, and Barney being Barney.



By Vicki Steele  
City News Editor

But back to the conversation.

"What kind of gun do you have?" asks. "YOU DON'T HAVE A GUN? GOTTA HAVE A GUN!"

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Then again, one morning I saw a

two fawns cross 32nd Street in the

sunlight. Moments like that are trea

would never experience in St. Louis.

"And our kids are safe to walk the

here," Bob added.

Really? Last year I worked as a

crossing guard. Often the children

dodged speeding drivers who wou

stop at the crosswalk.

Unfortunately, children are a

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cities and towns across the nation.

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Jasper County citizens assert their

clean air before it is too late.

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Ditch old feminism

### Picket signs do not create respect

Recently, a one-hour report on the physical (brain) differences between males and females was aired. It was a thorough report which tried to be fair to both the scientists and feminists (who are angry the studies are even being done).

The feminists expressed that such work would damage the changes they have instigated.

In reality, the feminists themselves are hurting the work they have done. They refuse to adapt their strategy to a changing society. Most men, politically speaking, would not condone sexism. But many

active feminists continue to attack men as if they had not changed at all. And the study actually shows how we can teach males and females differently so we may all learn the same things better.

While I am a female who refuses to pay attention to someone who tries to keep me from doing something based on the fact I am a woman, I do believe we are going about getting changes in the wrong way.

Even the very word "feminist" is inappropriate anymore. Most of the major reform needed to give women a chance for their rights has long been done. What is left is to change the subtle things that

cannot be changed by women picketing with signs. How humans feel on a subject is still the problem, and that can be changed if we all treat each other with respect.

Further, women will never be an equal shot at things as long as men do not have the same. Women ignore that many men still get the end of the stick in custody rights, though they may be as good a parent as the mother and that men still get gender stereotypes. Ask a male secretary of reactions they get when you tell people their profession.

Instead of pointing fingers, we need to realize that men and women depend on each other to get things done. So men

should concentrate less on how to treat each other as men and women and more on how we should treat each other as humans.

When on this subject, I often can't but think of a friend of mine who went to kindergarten in Maryland. Even though she would play house with a black boy in class. We got along well together and enjoyed each other's company. We saw black/white, boy/girl. We saw a companion. If this is what's natural for children, what keeps going wrong in adults? □



By PJ Graham  
Editorial Editor

## The Chart

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# Internships provide experience, job possibilities

The test-drive idea for adults who cannot find a job seems like a good idea on paper. It is against federal law, and it is against the best interests of the best of the desperate job seekers.

The Fair Labor Standards Act prohibits adults from being paid for their work. Further, there are companies that will take advantage of desperate people who offer the work for free to prove what they can accomplish, then at the end of 30 days or so, say "Sorry, you don't fit in here," or "We don't have enough work to hire you."

What about volunteers at hospitals and so forth? That's social welfare contributions and, in non-profit organizations, not only acceptable but encouraged.

The stick point comes with the concept of unpaid internships, and here are mid-career interns as well as young interns.

The Fair Labor Standard Act does permit interns who qualify as readers/trainees to be unpaid workers as long as the training and work relate to the student's course work.

Thus, as an adult, it's a practical idea to enroll in a college course and participate in a school-sponsored internship program. You may be able to do this with a single continuing education course.

Even if you are well along in your work life, college enrollment is the only circumstance under which I can recommend an adult do unpaid work for a profit-making enterprise.

Here is a key characteristic of an acceptable unpaid internship according to federal and most state labor laws. However, it's always a good idea check with your state department of labor.

The work relates to the intern's education.

Learning objectives are clearly identified.

An intern must be trained.

Hands-on experience with equipment and processes used in the employer's industry are required, and the training must primarily benefit the intern, not the employer. (In real life, it's a win-win situation, with both parties benefiting.)

The intern receive course credits, or must do the internship to graduate.

The student is well aware that the internship is unpaid.

The intern prepares a written report of the work experience for a faculty supervisor.

The intern does not replace a regular employee, and spends no more than half of the time doing the same work employees do.

It's a bonus if a job materializes at the end of the internship or graduation, but it is not guaranteed. In a study of 624 companies by the College Placement Council, 35 percent say interns are their best source of new full-time employees.

What about unemployment benefits at the end of the internship? Generally, the answer is "no." Benefits are premised on your availability to work and most states require one to work for three months in a calendar year, earning a minimum amount of pay, before becoming eligible for unemployment benefits.

So if you as an adult, not affiliated with a school program, happen to have your offer to work without pay for a month and then are not hired, don't expect to get unemployment checks on the basis of that experience. Internship is a highly recommended road to employment, even at midlife, as long as you understand the rules.

Reader note: Need money for college? Find out how to get it in Kennedy's 1994-95 edition of "The College Financial Aid Emergency Kit."

To order, make a check for \$4.75 payable to Sun Features Inc., enclose a self-addressed, long white envelope stamped with 55 cents postage and send to:

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## Faculty, staff assist students with placement

By JONATHAN SABO  
STAFF WRITER

Internships are one of the best ways for students to get hands-on experience in their field, according to Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology.

Lori Fausett, senior biology major, has been getting her hands on a lot of test tubes lately at Ferguson Medical Laboratories in Joplin.

She will work as an intern for 20 hours each week this semester for eight hours of credit.

Ferguson Labs samples blood to check for any abnormalities such as HIV or prostate cancer.

Fausett logs the samples in a catalog and tries to get an overall view of what goes on in the laboratory environment.

"Some of the people who work here have volunteered to let me draw blood from them because they knew I was an intern, but I couldn't do it," she said. "I'm not ready for that just yet."

"A lot of the internship is what you make of it," Fausett said. "I come in early or stay late if I know anything really interesting is going on."

Jackson helped Fausett obtain her internship. He helps

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Lori Fausett  
Intern at Ferguson Medical Laboratories

many biology majors in their search for an internship.

"Most employers, in the back of their minds, are thinking this is a potential job applicant pool," Jackson said.

He said biology internships are divided into three main categories: medically related, industrial quality control, and field and nature related. The Chapman Cancer Center has taken medically related

Southern interns, while Pillsbury Labs and Butterball Turkey have helped industrial quality control interns.

"If you want a job with the park service, you almost have to be an intern," Jackson said.

George Washington Carver  
National Monument and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield have taken Southern students as interns.

The interns there assist visitors with interpretation of the environment, restore the prairies, and help in viewer services.

Jackson said the end of the sophomore year is a good time for students to look into interning because they usually know the

kind of area they want to work in by then.

Jennifer Yazell, career services coordinator, tells all students wanting internships to check with their department adviser because each department on campus is responsible for its own internship program.

"Many employers these days have their pick of candidates for the job," she said. "Many students will find that for some jobs they apply for, there may be 50 or more candidates applying for the same position."

"This means that in addition to good grades and related work experience, candidates must be able to sell themselves."

Bernie Johnson, director of internships for the school of business, said they are important because they give students real-world relevance. Business interns must have junior standing of 60 or more hours, a grade-point average of 3.0 or above, and complete an application with Johnson. ☐

MICHAEL LATAS

## Graduates should plan ahead

The transition between college and career can be difficult and frustrating. Just getting an interview for a job can be time consuming and tedious.

Common difficulties for college graduates looking for employment are lack of experience, a long, unanticipated length of time between graduation and employment, and increased competition. Here are a few tips to lessen the woes you may experience when looking for a job.

No experience is the biggest problem. All want ads seem to specify "2 to 5 years" experience. How can you get a job if you do not have experience? You need to look for entry level positions. If you are a good student and a quick study, then you should be able to work your way up in the company within a short time.

Take every opportunity you can to build experience. If you are still in college, join several student organizations relating to your major. If you are out of college, try to join business organizations. Many will let you join as an associate member without actual work experience. Not only will you get experience on producing projects within the organization, but you will gain valuable contacts.

Also, take internships or volunteer in your spare time to build credibility and a work record. These could lead to a regular job. If you can, get a job in the field of your interest even if it is a secretarial position or is an unpaid work experience program.

Many college seniors make the mistake of waiting until after they graduate to start looking for a job.

A college diploma today does not guarantee a job upon graduation. Nearly one third of all graduates take jobs not requiring a college degree.

You should start researching companies that interest you and networking (developing contacts) one year before graduation. You should already be looking for a job, sending out resumes and setting up interviews six to nine months before you graduate. By doing so, you will get a great head-start.


Ninety-five percent of all college seniors put off looking for a job until a few months before or after graduation. Starting your job search before the bulk of your peers will greatly increase your chances of getting the job and pay you want. ☐

## On-campus interviews

Interested persons may contact  
Career Planning and Placement at 625-9343

When:	Who:	Position:	Majors:
Feb. 13	Lady Foot Locker	Manager trainee	Business related
Feb. 15	Hormel Foods	Production manager	Business related
Feb. 16	Computer Patch	Sales associate	Business related
Feb. 21	Primerica Financial Services	Manager trainee	Business related & Communications
Feb. 28	Prudential Insurance	Sales representative	Business related & Communications
March 7	Payless Shoe Source	Manager trainee	All
March 8	Sherwin-Williams Company	Manager trainee	Business related
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## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

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12	13	14	15			

### Today 9

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—**  
Koinonia free lunch, Stegge Hall basement.  
**Noon—**  
Brown Bag Lunch series, "Education in Russia," by Marina Yanushevskaya, BSC 310.  
**Noon to 1 p.m.—**  
Latter-Day Saints Student Association, BSC 313.  
**12:15 p.m.—**  
Model United Nations Club, Webster Hall III.  
**5:30 p.m.—**  
T. N. T. (Thursday-Nights-Together), free food, exciting programs, great speakers, Baptist Student Union.

### Tomorrow 10

**Noon—**  
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall 123.

### Saturday 11

**6 p.m.—**  
Lady Lions Basketball vs Lincoln University, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.  
**8 p.m.—**  
Lions Basketball vs Lincoln University, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

### Sunday 12

**Missouri Southern Alumni Foundation Annual Phon-A-Thon Feb. 12-16.**

**9:30 a.m.—**  
Fellowship Baptist Church College Sunday School, Baptist Student Union.  
**2 p.m.—**  
CAB Special Event: Basketball Exhibition by the Harlem Wizards, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium, cost \$2.

### Monday 13

**7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—**  
CAB Movie: "Bodyguard," BSC Second Floor Lounge.

### Tuesday 14

**St. Valentine's Day**

**10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.—**  
Valentine's Buffet, BSC Connor Ballroom, free to residence hall students, \$5 others.

**Noon to 1 p.m.—**  
Latter-Day Saints Student Association, BSC 313.

**Noon—**  
Newman Club Catholic Organization, fellowship, food, and fun, BSC 306.

**12:15 p.m.—**  
College Republicans, BSC 311.

**12:15 p.m.—**  
Non-Traditional Student Association, BSC First Floor Lounge.

**7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—**  
CAB Movie: "Bodyguard," BSC Second Floor Lounge.

### Wednesday 15

**1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—**  
Free, confidential HIV testing and counseling, Kuhn Hall 301, call 625-9323 for appointment.

**2 p.m.—**  
CAB meeting, free food, refreshments, all are welcome, BSC 311.

**5:30 p.m.—**  
Student Senate, BSC 310.

**5:30 p.m.—**  
Lady Lions Basketball at Missouri Western University.

**7:30 p.m.—**  
Lions Basketball at Missouri Western University.

## SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS

# Spurlin, Gray teach weekend classes

By PHYLLIS DETAR  
STAFF WRITER

**W**eekend College, a new opportunity for college credit at Missouri Southern, evolved over coffee at McDonald's.

It was a brainstorm of Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology, and Jim Gray, dean of the school of business. They teach the two classes that are being offered this semester.

"I'm really excited about the Weekend College concept," Spurlin said. "I have more than 50 students."

Gray has the same number in the school of business.

"That shows there is real interest in this concept," he said. "We have several who are involved in both classes."

Each session meets Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a total of four weekends. Students have lunch together in the classroom on Saturdays.

Spurlin teaches Probation and Parole, and Gray teaches Management Information Systems. The courses are offered on alternate weekends to enable students to take both classes.

"I thought the group we would really attract would be the night students," Spurlin said. "We also have a great number of traditional

students who think this is a great way to pick up three hours."

Those who are carrying a full schedule reasoned they could get three hours out of the way and finish the semester with a lighter load."

Spurlin said there are many people who want to pursue their education, and this is the only way they can do it. He is a prime example of this because he received both his master's and doctorate by attending weekend colleges.

"I'm excited from the standpoint of the interest that the students are showing," Gray said. "My students are going to be asked to design a presentation using the computer and the graphics software around designing a weekend

college. From that we will get their views."

All ages take the course. Gray said he has three students over 60 in his class, two of whom are husband and wife. Gray said they are taking advantage of the opportunity to learn about the computer in order to share it with their grandchildren.

Gray has seven students who would like to stay in the residence halls, but no rooms are available. In the future they hope to block off a group of rooms for Weekend College students. Spurlin and Gray did a survey, which showed the students wanted more of these opportunities.

Both schools are going to offer

weekend classes again in the future. Spurlin will teach Correctional Practices, and Gray will teach Management Information Systems again.

They believe the whole concept is going to mushroom. Both said that there are some questions to answer, but the potential is there.

"Southern has a lot of talented teachers who wouldn't mind teaching on weekends," Gray said. "Why not make use of the buildings?"

Their No. 1 concern is what is best for the student.

"They are our customers, and we have to keep them happy," Spurlin said. □

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

# Russian native teaches, studies, tutors full time

By GENIE UNDERNEHR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

**S**tudents enrolled in Russian 101 or 102 get to experience the culture first-hand with Marina Yanushevskaya, an assistant instructor from Novgorod, Russia.

Yanushevskaya taught Russian and English for four years at a private college in Russia before coming to Missouri Southern in January. Yanushevskaya said she works with Bill Carter, assistant professor of communications.

"Mr. Carter gives me complete freedom so I can do anything I want," she said. "But he has no complaints."

Yanushevskaya said she teaches her classes a little differently than most instructors.

"I have developed my own program of teaching," she said.

"I use the book here face to face, but we like to work with conversational phrases and other things you would not observe with your books," she said.

In addition to teaching the Russian classes,

Yanushevskaya is studying three subjects at Southern.

"I really enjoy my communications class," she said. "We have nothing similar to it in Russia."

"I also have a history class, and it is very complicated. The history of your country is not so long, so you concentrate on the details."

Yanushevskaya is also enrolled in a computer class. She said her teaching and her studies take up all her time.

"I work, I study, I have my office hours, and then I work as a volunteer in the Learning Center trying to tutor English composition," she said. "Life is full."

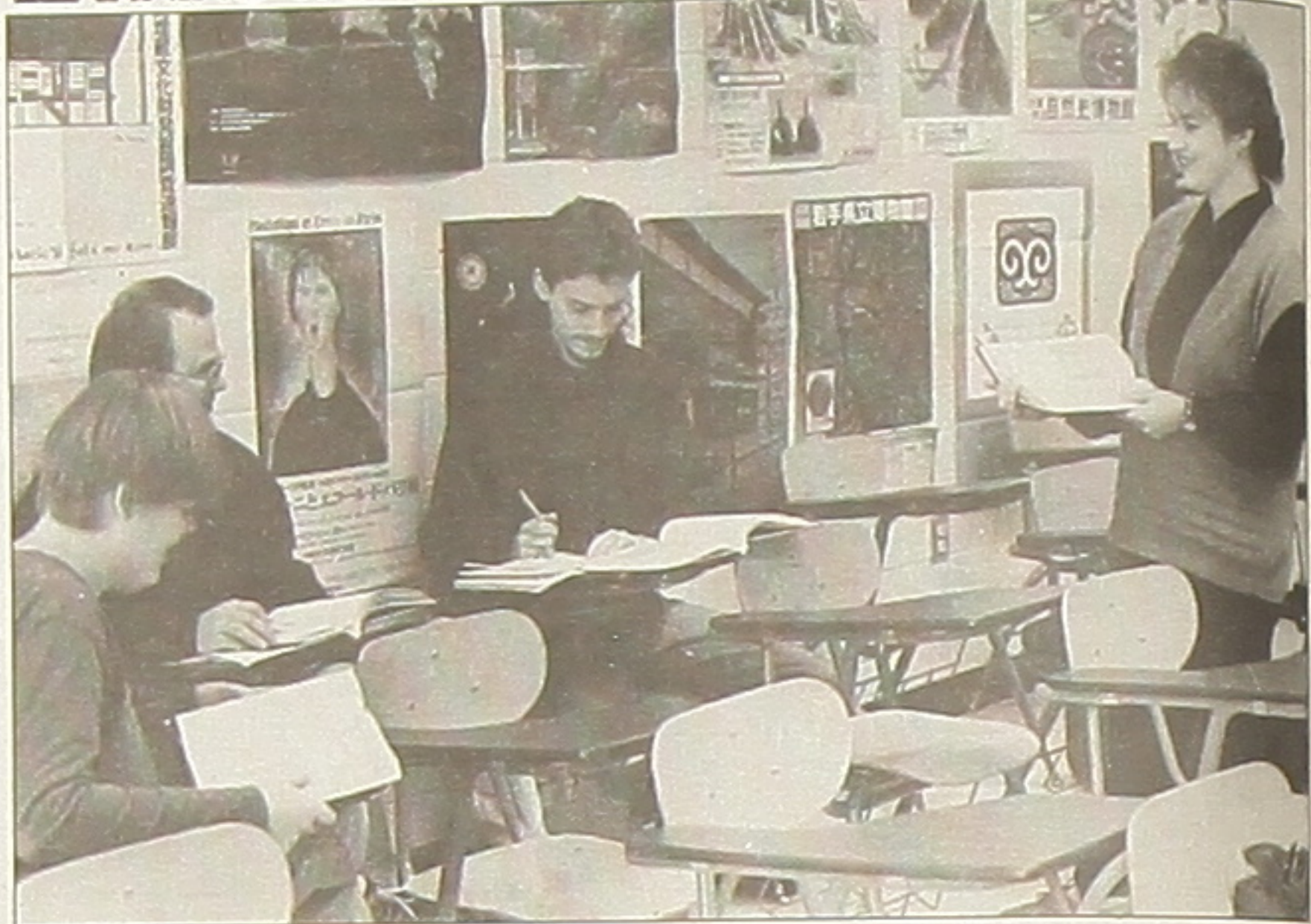
In order to come to the United States, Yanushevskaya had to compete against other teachers in Russia.

"All teachers in Russia who know English were supposed to come to Moscow for the contest," Yanushevskaya said. "We had to write three English tests and to speak about our methods of teaching."

"About 50 teachers from all different parts of Russia came to America," she said.

"There is one teacher in every state, and I am in Missouri."

## LEARNING THE LANGUAGE



Marina Yanushevskaya, assistant Russian instructor, addresses her Russian 102 class yesterday morning. Yanushevskaya, from Novgorod, Russia, brings new teaching methods to Southern's classrooms.

Yanushevskaya said at first she was impressed with the technology in the United States, but she enjoys the people most of all.

"The people are very responsible and sociable," she said.

"They are very helpful and ready to educate you in all possible fields."

"Many people invite me into their home places and tell me

about culture and of what they know of Russia."

But Yanushevskaya notes a difference between the people of America and Russia.

"Americans are most surprising," she said. "Americans seem to be very open and very positive."

"We have a lot of things in common, but Russian people will not get acquainted with

people in such a quick way," she said.

She also said Americans have a perfect sense of humor.

"I noticed that at almost every speech, people like to joke," she said.

"Even if it is an official speech. That's great—the speech is not boring." □

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# Hughes read-in to focus on children's poetry

*Southern's third year to praise author, President Leon to give opening address*

By CASEY MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

**B**lack History Month provides an excellent opportunity to honor one of Joplin's own.

The third annual Langston Hughes Celebration will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 in Webster Hall auditorium.

The program, which focuses on the children's poetry of Langston Hughes, will feature a speech by Dr. Violet Harris of the University of Illinois.

Harris is a specialist in children's and multicultural literature, especially the work of Hughes.

College President Julio Leon will give the opening address.

The celebration is co-sponsored by the English department and the Joplin chapter of the NAACP. Funding is provided through the Campus Activities Board.

Dr. Henry Morgan, co-director of the event, stresses Hughes' importance on the national level.

"Hughes is referred to as the dean of black American literature," Morgan said. "He is without a doubt the most significant black American writer we've produced to date."

Morgan said Hughes' sense of humor about the situation of

racial equality in America gave his works a lasting impact.

"He approached racial problems with humor and understanding," Morgan said.

"The times since his death in 1967 have proven that his hope was well placed."

Randy Brown, president of the Joplin NAACP, found Hughes was a central figure in the development of his organization.

"Langston Hughes wrote a book, *Fight for Freedom*, about the history of the NAACP," he

said. "Also, Hughes was a recipient of the Spingarn Medal, the highest award the organization

each year. The celebration is a capstone of a day on campus designated to commemorate

Sigma Tau Delta, the English department honor society, is holding a Langston Hughes read-in at the library from 5 to 2 p.m. on Feb. 17.

Dr. Doris Leters, associate professor of English, invited everyone to come and listen

bestows, for his contributions to the organization and to society."

According to the co-sponsors, the Langston Hughes Celebration has had increasing participation

read.

Anyone interested in reading should attend a meeting at Monday in Room 322B of the Hall. □

## CAB SPECIAL PRESENTATION

# Harlem Wizards to entertain Sunday

**O**n Sunday, a world-renowned entertainment basketball team will perform at 2 p.m. in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

The Harlem Wizards feature a collection of former NBA players, playground legends, and college standouts, including former University of Missouri star Sandie Prophete. Known as "Lady Majic," Prophete is the only woman on the team.

The Campus Activities Board is responsible for bringing the Wizards to Missouri Southern. Michelle Stonis, CAB president,

said approximately 25 to 30 Southern faculty, staff, and students will participate in the event. Faculty volunteers include assistant football coaches Dan Scheible, Kenneth Evans, and Bill Cooke. Student volunteers include Albert Bland, senior communications major; Melvin Monet, junior criminal justice administration major; and Jennifer Kunch, senior computer information science major.

Stonis said the volunteers will form a home team to compete against the Wizards in a real basketball game.

"They will play seriously for two quarters, and in the other two quarters they will perform tricks," Stonis said. "The Wizards are planning to use all the players in some way. Every person who volunteered will get to participate."

The two-hour family event will include dazzling dunking displays, inspiring trickery and teamwork, and high-spirited humor and antics. The audience will participate in the half-time show.

Refreshments and Wizard souvenirs will be sold at the game, and a free autograph session will follow the activities. □

## A Little Q & A

**Q:** What is the purpose of the Student Senate?

**A:** "The purpose of the Student Senate is to lend assistance to the student body, through the allocation of funds to recognized student organizations as well as communicating with the administration on the concerns of students."

—Andy Adams, Student Senate President





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Feb. 27-Mar. 5—Charlotte's Web.  
April 19-22—Twelfth Night.  
Taylor Auditorium  
Tomorrow—Audio Adrenaline.  
Matthews Hall  
Feb. 21—The Emperor's Nightingale.  
March 7—The Roots.  
March 21—Private's Progress.  
April 4—The Cloak.

JOPLIN

The ByPass  
624-9095  
Feb. 11—The Cate Brothers Band.  
Feb. 17—The Victros.  
Champs Bar and Grill  
782-4944  
Tomorrow and Saturday—Brad Absher Band.  
Feb. 17/18—Smoot Mahuti.  
Feb. 24/25—The Oscillators.  
Mar. 3/4—Blues Blasters.  
Culture Shock  
96 Main Street  
Tomorrow—Beakups with Bubble Boys and Frog Pond.  
Feb. 15—Mortification with The Jesus Freaks.  
Feb. 17—Brine with Devolve.  
March 2—The Queens with Beakups and Frog Pond.

CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre  
47358-9665  
Feb. 11/19—Mister Lincoln.  
Feb. 12/18—Love Letters.  
Mar. 16, 17, and 18—Opal's Million Dollar Duck.  
Apr. 8/9—You Caught Me Dancing.  
Apr. 20/21/22—A Woman With a Name.  
June 29/30/31—Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.

KANSAS CITY

Memorial Hall  
86-931-3330  
Feb. 11—Megadeth with Corrosion of Conformity.  
Feb. 23—Sheryl Crow.  
Feb. 25—Joe Cocker.  
March 22—Mary Chapin Carpenter with the Mavericks.  
Sandstone  
86-931-3330  
Feb. 29/30 & May 1—The Eagles.  
May 28—REM.

ST. LOUIS

Ridman Auditorium  
34-296-8000  
March 11—Glen Campbell.  
April 8—Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.  
May 13—The Oak Ridge Boys.  
American Theatre  
34-297-6600  
Feb. 17—Steven Wright.  
Powell Hall  
34-534-1111  
Tonight—Nanci Griffith.  
Fox Theatre  
34-534-1111  
Tomorrow—Anita Baker.  
Feb. 24—George Duke.  
Feb. 25—Randy Travis with Sammy Kershaw.  
Feb. 26—Joe Cocker.  
March 7—The Black Crowes.  
Kel Center  
34-297-6600  
Feb. 14—Nine Inch Nails with the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow and Pop will Eat Itself.  
April 5—The Eagles.  
May 6—Robert Plant and Jimmy Page.

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Philbrook Museum of Art  
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Now through Feb. 19—The History of Oklahoma Artists Annual Exhibition.  
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Tulsa Performing Arts Center  
967-7473  
Feb. 11—Tulsa Philharmonic Masterworks Concert.

DEBATE

# DeLaughter, Lawry 6-1 at UMKC tourney

Squad prepares for nationals, stresses need for sixth person

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

Excitement is mounting as the debate team is only six weeks away from flying to San Diego for nationals.

The squad has been hitting recent tournaments in order to prepare for the big meet.

At the Saluki tournament in Carbondale, Ill., Ken DeLaughter, senior communications major, and Kim Lawry, sophomore sociology major, went 4-2 before losing in octafinals to Emporia State University. The team of Jason Newton, senior communications major, and Stuart Smart, freshman

communications major, went 1-5.

Smart said failing to turn in the team's strike sheet is what hurt his group the most. That sheet is used to eliminate judges who the team didn't want.

"There was a big pool of judges there who didn't know a whole lot about debate," Smart said. "We're not really debating poorly, but we did have bad judges in the first two rounds."

DeLaughter and Lawry went 6-1 in seven rounds last weekend at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The pair won a first-place swing award for their efforts at the two tournaments with DeLaughter taking a fifth-place speaker award.

The team of Smart and Eric Dicharry, senior economics and finance major, finished 3-4. Coach Eric Marlow believes that Dicharry and Smart's performance had some elements of bad luck.

"They had a rough first day," Marlow said. "If their draw hadn't been so tough, I think they would have made it out pretty easily. They just had really tough teams at the wrong times in the important rounds."

"We lost to some bad teams," Smart said. "Everything was there for us to win, but we just didn't make the right decision."

Marlow said the partner pairings are about worked out and the squad is almost situated for the nationals.

"At this point we just need to establish our stability," he said. "I

guess it's kind of like the quarter-back controversy thing; I've got to decide who is going to debate with Ken."

Marlow said it would be

"A sixth person would make things a lot easier," Smart said.

The squad's next test is at The Heart of America tournament at the University of Kansas on Feb. 18.

There was a big pool of judges there who didn't know a whole lot about debate. We're not really debating poorly, but we did have bad judges in the first two rounds.

Stuart Smart  
Freshman Debater

Marlow believes this invitation-only tournament is one of the toughest of the year. He also thinks it will serve as a good tune-up for the nationals. □

PIANO PERFORMANCE

## Clinton, wife perform at Carnegie Hall

Duo to perform in Webster Hall

By MICHAEL DAVISON  
STAFF WRITER

Practice is one way to get to Carnegie Hall, but winning a competition which will allow you to play there also is a big help.

That is how Dr. Mark Clinton, assistant professor of music, and his wife, Nicole Narboni, managed to play in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on Feb. 1. The duo was one of the five winners of the ProPiano New York Recital Series last May.

"Each of the five plays a full recital at Weill Recital Hall during the course of this season," Clinton said. "At the end, the ProPiano people and an anonymous committee will make a decision as to which one was the best, and they will award a compact disk recording contract to that person, or in our case, persons."

Their performance featured

pieces by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, variations on a theme by Paganini by Witold Lutoslawski, and three traditional Latin American dances by William Bolcom.

"The first is written in the

style of a Brazilian composer by the name of Nazareth, the second is written by Louis Morrow Gottschalk, and the third is in the style of a Venezuelan composer, Ramon Delgado Palacios," Clinton said.

"Gottschalk himself was influenced by South American rhythms and melodies, and so that is why we put it in the concert," Narboni said.

The Clintons believe these pieces are tremendously successful because of their familiarity with audiences from all around.

"They (the pieces) have a lot of interesting rhythms, and the tunes are very recognizable. It is kind of jazzy and fun," Clinton said.

The duo will perform at 7:30 p.m. on March 28 in Taylor Auditorium.

The concert will feature the same material from their performance at Weill Recital Hall, but with some minor adjustments. The March 28 performance was previously scheduled for late January, but was canceled due to snow.

"It is kind of a warm-up for a competition that we are participating in in Spartanburg, S.C.," Narboni said. "And that competi-



Dr. Mark Clinton and his wife, Nicole Narboni, will perform in Taylor Auditorium on March 28 due to a postponed show Jan. 19.

tion is strictly for dual pianists, whereas the one in New York was for anything to do with pianos, and we are one of four finalists."

The Ellis Duo Piano Competition, sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs, will be held in Spartanburg on April 1.

The prize for this competition involves a number of concert engagements throughout the country over the next couple of years.

"It would mean exposure for us which would be nice," Clinton said. □

SPIVA CENTER

## Director search begins at Spiva

By JENNIFER A. RUSSELL  
STAFF WRITER

Mum is the word on the recent resignation of the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts director.

James Martin, who took over the position in February 1994, resigned last month amid rumors of professional differences.

Martin was chosen from 15 applicants last year.

Several board members refused to comment on his exit.

"I think there is a lot of regret with all parties involved," Martin said.

Martin was quick to add he was not fired, but he voluntarily resigned from the position. He says he has several options open on his plans for future work, but he would not be specific about those plans.

Dr. John Finley, president of the Spiva board of directors, said the search is on for a new director.

"There are several people in line for the job, so I won't comment further," Finley said.

Former board president Diane Volk said no interim director has been named. □

## Movie explores life, changes

By WILLIAM GRUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

Whoopi Goldberg's newest motion picture, *Boys on the Side*, is yet another role in which her artistic ability shines through.

Goldberg, who plays Jane, is a struggling singer in New York City. Her dream is to become a recording artist in Los Angeles.

Jane searches through classified ads and discovers a woman who wants a companion to help her drive across country. Robin, played

by Mary-Louise Parker, decided her life needed a new direction.

Before the trip can begin, Jane needs to stop over in Philadelphia to check on her friend Holly (Drew Barrymore). Holly is found living with her drug- and alcohol-addicted boyfriend. Their apartment is a disaster, and Holly is obviously a victim of abuse.

Jane and Robin talk Holly into leaving her present situation and making the long journey with them.

Before Holly leaves, she hits her boyfriend over the head with a bat,

ties him up, and takes his money.

During the trip, they discover that Holly's boyfriend was found dead in the apartment. The three women then find themselves on the run.

The plot intensifies as secrets are revealed. Robin finds out that Jane is a lesbian. Jane then discovers that Robin is suffering from AIDS.

*Boys on the Side* is a movie about the friendships and misfortunes in life that bring people closer. Parker's portrayal of a woman suffering from a terminal disease was extremely heart-felt. She did an unbelievable job, and I respect her

for playing such a diverse role.

Barrymore brought a sense of life and youth to the movie. Her free spirit brought laughter and tears from the audience. I look forward to seeing her future appearances.

*Boys on the Side* deals with life and death. It explores the way our lives change due to those we love around us. I highly recommend this movie because it is true to life. It has been a long time since I've seen such a powerful performance.

This movie is currently showing at the Mall V Theatre in Northpark Mall. □

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pounds of lead annually. And how much vehicle exhaust is created by the estimated 350,000 visitors to this area?

"All right!" Bob said with a frown. "So maybe we aren't Mayberry. We have some problems."

Perhaps there just aren't that many differences between big cities and small towns anymore. Both places have crime, poverty, and other problems. Maybe Utopia, paradise, and a safe haven are simply dreams of a better world.

Besides, I think Floyd, the barber, eventually would get on my nerves.

Bob agrees, then smiles. "You see more stars at night here than you see in the city," he said.

OK, you win. I guess I should keep my eyes off the chat piles and sinkholes, and look toward the stars. □

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ENTERTAINMENT

# Industrial punks enjoy Culture Shock's variety

*Frogpond, Queers, Bubbleboys, other bands appear at nightspot*

By TONYA PRINCE  
STAFF WRITER

Industrial punks, moshers, metalheads, and anyone looking for alternative entertainment may want to check out Culture Shock, 926 Main in Joplin.

"It's a great hangout, a peachy place to come and hang out," said Tara Wilson.

The club, where patrons are identified by first name only, is open six days a week from noon to 2 a.m.

"Anyone who likes to have a good time is welcome," said Lilith Ray, manager of the club. "The children who come here are bright and intelligent."

A reading room is available for students who want to do homework or just "hang out." For the more adventuresome, a mosh pit is located in front of a stage.

Ray, who has held management positions more than 40 years, said she is the Wicca, or witch-in-residence.

"Many of the kids here are pagans," Ray said, "We also have some Christians and Buddhists."

We all share, and it is very special."

The owner, Darrell Packer, said Joplin needed a place where people who "don't fit in" could go. He said he is pleased to see the response to the new establishment, but noted he would like to attract a diversity of people of all ages.

Packer's goal is to provide a bar setting without the alcohol. Drugs, alcohol, and food and beverages are restricted from being brought into the establishment.

However, a variety of drinks are served, including espresso,



cappuccino, carbonated beverages, Italian soda, and exotic teas. "Vampire Blood Lust" is a drink made with "secret ingredients."

A popular activity at Culture Shock is chess. The club regularly offers chess tournaments.

Items can be bought such as Dylan's crystals, CDs, incense, and clothing.

As a note of interest, Eric Sweet, Missouri Southern art major, has his artwork displayed in the club.

It is not uncommon to see patrons in Culture Shock with pierced body parts. One such person is Russ Sherman, freshman computer science major at Southern. Sherman said he was the first person approved for body piercing by the Joplin Health Department.

Chris Morrow, junior criminal justice major at Southern, visited the club and met individuals with pierced bodies.

"I met a woman who had her tongue pierced, as well as a few other choice parts of her anatomy which she didn't hesitate in displaying," Morrow said.

Touring and local bands perform at the club. Future bands scheduled are the "Breakups" and "Bubbleboys." "Frogpond" will perform tomorrow.

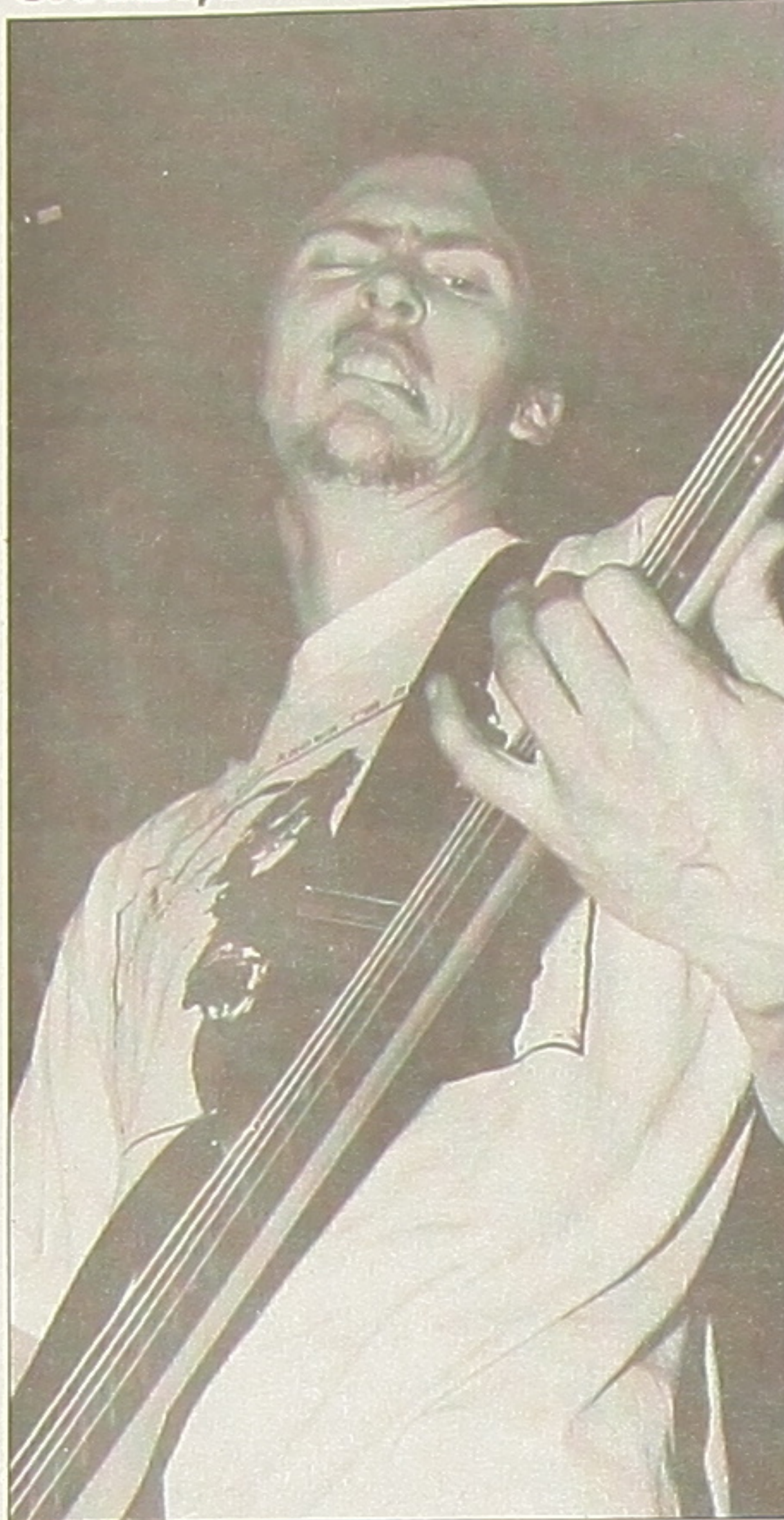
Another function the club offers is support classes for mothers. The group discusses parenting skills and topics of concern to first-time mothers.

Ray believes Culture Shock is a special place for all people.

"We have straights, bi's, and gays," she said, "but we don't make fun of anyone."

"I've seen wonderful changes with the kids. They are glad to come here and be accepted." □

## GNARLY, DUDE!



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Jason Mullens, bass player for Loaded, entertained moshers in the mosh pit at Culture Shock on Saturday night. The Neck Bones and Curb Feelers also appeared on a triple bill of bands.

## CLUB NEWS

# Trails beckon group

By TONYA PRINCE  
STAFF WRITER

Through rain or shine, the Dogwood Trailblazers begins its monthly neighborhood walk at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Each walk has a host or hostess who directs the group along what route to take, said Carolyn Wolfe, club president. Usually around eight to 20 people participate.

Anyone is welcome to join the group.

Two Missouri Southern members lead the Trailblazers. Wolfe is a mathematics instructor; the vice president, Richard Miller, is an associate professor of sociology.

Miller's daughter, Sarah, has completed nine 10-kilometer walks in five states.

His daughter, Katie, 7, has completed 10-kilometer walks in six states to her credit.

"It is a great club," said Fenix, a Trailblazer. "I really enjoy it."

The Trailblazers sponsor sanctioned walks to allow people to earn patches or awards.

The group has chosen a special route for the Third Annual Round Event, held later this year. The event is a tribute to Thomas Hart Benton.

For more information, people may contact Miller at (417) 7151. □

## EDUCATION

# Senate bill seeks to abolish use of corporal punishment

*Local principals differ in opinions, disagree on disciplinary measures*

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD  
STAFF REPORTER

To spank or not to spank? That question may be addressed by the Missouri legislature this year.

Senate Bill 41, drafted by Sen. Joe Moseley (D-Columbia), would abolish the use of corporal punishment in all public schools in the state of Missouri.

Stephen Gollhofer, assistant principal at Webb City High School, does not favor the bill.

"I think it would force more suspensions and make it more difficult for schools," Gollhofer said.

"It is hard to be as strict without the option of corporal punishment."

At Webb City High School, students may choose to take swats in place of another disciplinary measure.

"Swats are not a primary discipline strategy," Gollhofer said. "They are an elective choice."

Other discipline measures include detention, Saturday school, and suspension.

Some students prefer to "get it over with" instead of spending time in detention or suspended.

"A student cannot elect to have swats more than three times in one semester," Gollhofer said, "and never twice in the same day."

Swats are administered by the principal or assistant principal, in the presence of a witness.

All discipline measures used are documented and parents are notified of the action taken.

Parents who object to the use of swats may notify the school. Their preference is noted in the student's file, and swats are not

an option for that child.

Gollhofer estimated fewer than six students receive swats in an average week. He said that that number is possibly declining, however, since they have eliminated swats as an option in some cases.

Keith Zeka, principal of Joplin High School, also opposes the bill, but for different reasons.

"I think that decision should reflect the needs and aspirations of the local community," Zeka said.

According to the Joplin R-8 handbook of policies and bylaws, corporal punishment is "seldom used."

It is not used at all at Joplin High School.

"I don't think it's effective at this age," Zeka said. "It is a humiliating experience for a teenager to be paddled."

The first course of disciplinary action at Joplin High School is

learning center," a controlled environment where all the social aspects of school are removed.

"The 'get tough' attitude that seems so prevalent today is not always the best," Zeka said.

He believes Joplin High School manages discipline problems by increasing behavior expectations and then acting quickly when or if problems arise. Doug Brooks, Ph.D., psychologist at Behavior Management Associates, also believes that corporal punishment is not necessary.

"There are techniques that are equally effective without the downside," he said.

"Punishment serves to suppress behavior, not extinguish it. Research shows [that physical punishment] generates hostility and aggression in the child."

Additionally, for children who come from abusive homes, school then becomes one safe place for students where corporal punishment is used, according to Brooks.

"I believe in good, firm discipline," said Brooks. "That's the issue here."

He advocates close communication with parents, emphasis on positive behavior and achievements. Withholding privileges, whether it is missing recess or in-school suspension, is effective.

The decision on Senate Bill 41 may affect many schools in Missouri, but the Joplin district may not even notice.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

# Spending time in county slammed

*Simpson would have more space in Jasper County detention facility*

By YICKI STEELE  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Jasper County Law Enforcement Center inmates may experience better living conditions than infamous celebrity prisoner 4013970 (O. J. Simpson).

The sheriff's department moved into its new detention facility in December 1993. The modern jail is a two-story, six-pod design with a control tower.

"This facility is a lot nicer than the one we had before," said David Dally, prosecuting attorney. "It's more secure and easier for the sheriff's department to handle."

While Los Angeles County houses approximately 6,000 inmates, Jasper County averages about 75 daily. Space is available for 158 male and female prisoners, according to Lt. Terry Moback, assistant jail administrator.

The building has two-person and four-person cells. Jasper County's 10-foot by 8-foot single cells are larger than Simpson's 9-foot by 7-foot windowless space in Los Angeles.

"Prisoners are allowed to visit the indoor/outdoor exercise facility several times a week," Moback said. "That room has five screened windows which we can open to let in fresh air."

"There are no exercise bikes or weights, but two basketball goals are provided for the prisoners."

Moback said the computerized jail lighting system operates from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Inmates can take showers or visit the day room during "lights on" time.

"We have a day room prisoners can use," he said. "The area is carpeted with chairs, tables, and a television. Prisoners can make phone calls from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m."

In Los Angeles, Simpson is given two hour-long breaks daily to utilize a stationary bike, watch television, or use the phone.

Most Jasper County inmates are awaiting trials. Some are serving county jail sentences, Moback said.

"Prisoners can be here anywhere from two days to 18 months," he said. "Murder trials can take as long as 18 months to two years."

"Generally speaking, most of the felony cases are disposed of in 120 days," Dally said. "Murder cases are a whole other thing."

Jasper County jail cells are classified into five different groups:

- one medium/maximum security
- one maximum security (for inmates with violent criminal histories)
- one female
- two general population
- one county (for those serving county sentences).

"We have a warming oven to

keep food hot when prisoners are held up at court," Moback said. "If we serve a hot lunch, they get a hot lunch. If it's sandwiches then they get sandwiches."

"Sometimes, when prisoners are at the Joplin courthouse, there have been times when they go to McDonald's or Babe's to bring back food for prisoners."

Male inmates can have visitors on Sunday between 8 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. on Saturday for females.

In some cases, the jury faces more restrictions than prisoners.

"I believe a sequestered juror can call relatives under certain circumstances," Dally said. "The longest trial I remember was for eight days. Sequestered jurors can watch television, read a newspaper, nor listen to the radio."

Juries are automatically sequestered for capital murder cases in this state. □

## HOME SWEET HOME?

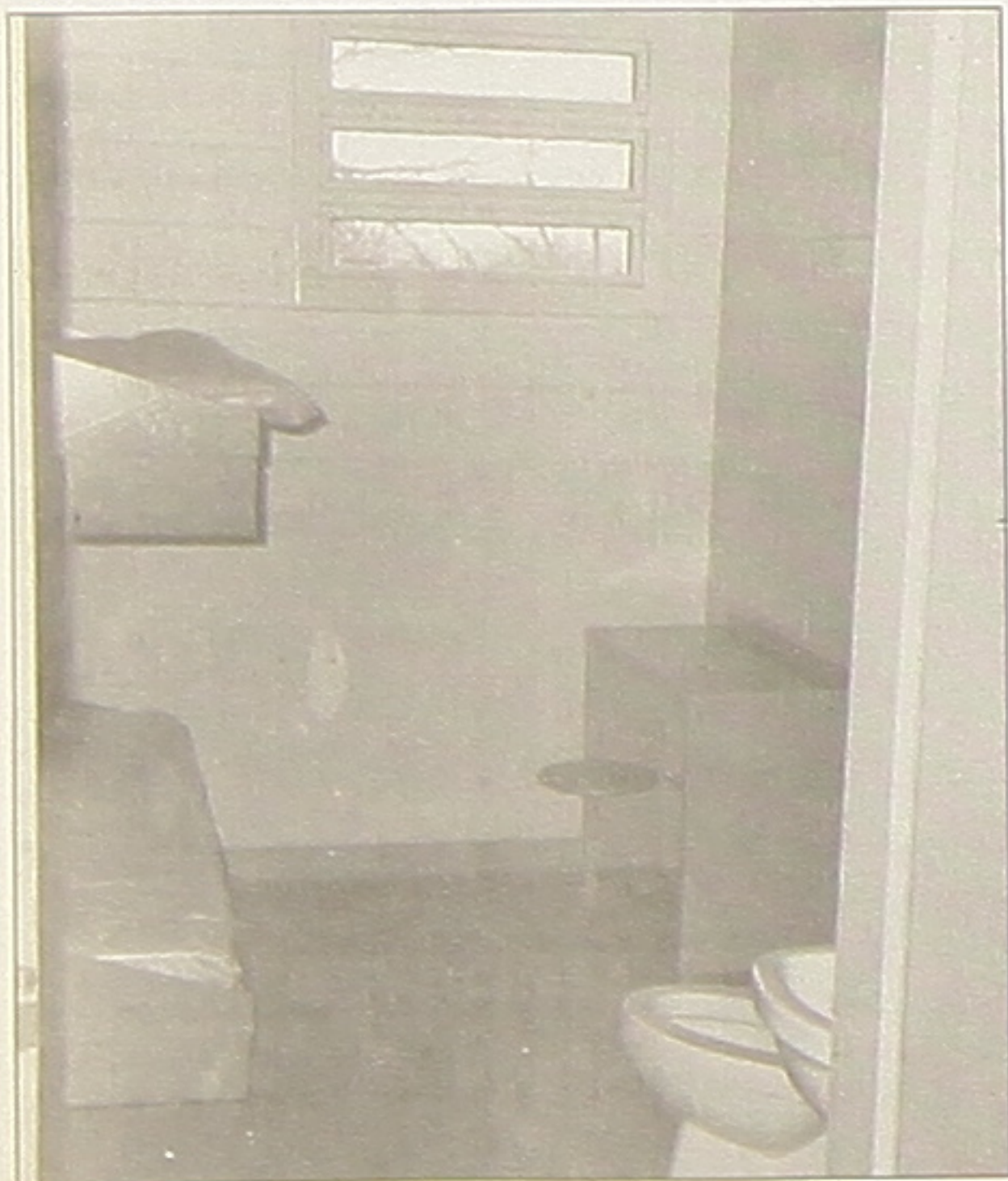


Photo courtesy of Jasper County Law Enforcement Center.

Two-person cells at the Jasper County Law Enforcement Center consist of two metal bunks, metal desk with stool, sink, and toilet.



HJR 8

# House offers antidote for excessive taxation

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Although intended to cure excessive taxation, Hancock II proved too bitter for Missouri voters. Now, lawmakers are trying to give Missourians relief—without the aftertaste. Rep. Doyle Childers (R-Reed Springs) and seven other representatives have introduced a joint resolution that would limit tax increases and provide a percentage barrier for taxes that aren't brought to a vote. It also would implement penalties if the limits are not met. "[The joint resolution] would clear up some of the problems of Hancock I," Childers said. "The chairman of the committee [Ken Jacob (D-Columbia)] indicated that he likes the idea of the bill." The joint resolution faced the House ways and means committee Tuesday. Before the joint resolution could be made a law, it would

have to pass both houses and a vote of the people.

The measure would prevent legislators from raising taxes more than one-half percent of the total state budget in any one year without voter approval. In addition to the revenue increase limit for each fiscal year, it would establish a 10 percent cumulative revenue limit for taxes not voted on by the people.

According to Childers, one-half percent of the state budget would be approximately \$55 million-\$60 million, much higher than what many tax limit advocates envision. But Childers said the joint resolution wouldn't have some of the hangups that caused Missouri voters to reject Hancock II.

"[The joint resolution] is not retroactive," he said. "It is more generous in any one year, but the penalties are more severe."

If the one-half percent limit is exceeded, the General Assembly would be required to decrease

Missouri's sales tax in an amount necessary to equal 3 percent of the total state revenue in the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year during which the limit was exceeded.

If the cumulative increase in total state revenue attributable to additional taxes and fees imposed on taxpayers without voter approval were to exceed 10 percent of total state revenue, the governor would be required to call a statewide election. The voters would then decide whether the increase would remain in place or whether total state revenues would be reduced by decreasing Missouri's sales tax in an amount necessary to equal 10 percent of total state revenue in the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the election takes place.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Carl Junction) has signed on as a co-sponsor.

"This is by far the strongest measure we've taken to create a tax limit," Burton said. □

## HONORING ARTS



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

John Cragin gives a short acceptance speech after he and his wife, Joy Spiva Cragin (left), received the 1995 Missouri Arts Award yesterday in the rotunda of the Capitol Building in Jefferson City. The Cragins were one of five recipients of the annual awards, which were presented by Gov. Mel Carnahan (right).

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Construction to start on Lincoln library

If all goes as planned, the first visible sign of a new library at Lincoln University will be in place within a few weeks.

A large sign near the corner of Dunklin and Chestnut in Jefferson City will proclaim the location as the "Bridge to the Future: Site of the New Lincoln University Library."

"Though the sign is only paint and wood, it represents much more—namely, the fruition of a dream brought about by the combined efforts of hundreds of dedicated individuals," said Lincoln President Wendell Rayburn Sr.

When construction begins, the university will keep photographic and video records of the progress. The library is expected to be completed in about two years.

### Former St. Joseph teacher published

Raymond Elliott, a former faculty member at St. Joseph Junior College, recently published a book that focuses on the college's music faculty from 1930 to 1946.

*Out of the Night the Angels Sang* also includes information on the St. Joseph Junior College Choir and A Cappella Choir. St. Joseph Junior College, which was in existence for 65 years, became Missouri Western State College in 1969.

Elliott, who left St. Joseph in 1946 to teach at Texas A&I University, said the book is "the story of youth who, against all odds, forged their way through the maze of despair and, like the nightingale, sang through the night, revealing character and a bit of greatness."

The book may be purchased for \$15 by contacting the Missouri Western alumni association at (816) 271-4254.

### Southeast gets Hart for nursing chair

Dr. Alberta Louise Hart, formerly director of the DePaul University school of nursing, has been named the new chair of the nursing department at Southeast Missouri State University.

Hart, born on a cotton farm between East Prairie, Mo., and Charleston, Mo., holds a master's and doctorate in nursing from Indiana University. She currently is president of the Indiana State Nurses Association.

In another appointment, Southeast has named Carol Lynn Coventry as its new director of residence life. Coventry has served in student housing at the University of California-Davis since 1982.

At Southeast, she will be responsible for the administration, program development, and supervision of the entire residence hall and dining services program. Coventry also will handle the supervision and training of 115 professional and paraprofessional staff members.

Southeast has about 2,500 resident students.

### Stephen hires new VP of advancement

Dr. James C. Murphy, formerly the director of foundation relations for Rice University, is Stephen College's new vice president of advancement.

Last fall, new President Marcia Kierscht announced a restructuring of Stephens' advancement area, to be completed within two years. In the new structure, Murphy will oversee the offices of development, public relations and alumnae programs, and volunteer activities.

"With ever-increasing demands to raise non-tuition revenue, Stephens College is becoming more sophisticated in its fundraising efforts," Kierscht said. "Dr. Murphy brings many talents to Stephens and will provide a new vision for the entire advancement effort."

In November, Kierscht announced that Stephens was the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the Jessie Ball DuPont Fund to fuel the restructuring.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

# Gun enthusiasts assemble to support bill

Firearms expert promotes concealed weapon permits

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Gun-rights advocates crowded the Capitol Tuesday in support of a public safety bill that would give Missourians the ability to get a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler), would give sheriffs access to the juvenile records of any applicant for a concealable firearm permit.

Caskey said he is convinced the law would be beneficial to preserving public safety.

"People would rather be caught by police with a concealed weapon than be confronted by a criminal without one," he said. "Almost all of the people who have been caught carrying a concealed weapon have no prior criminal record."

According to Caskey, Missouri has had the highest number of arrests for illegal possession of a concealed weapon in the country.

In order to be eligible for a permit, an applicant must meet certain requirements, including: 1.) be at least 21 years old; 2.) not have been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment of more than one year;

3.) not have been a fugitive from justice or charged with a crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment; 4.) not have been discharged by the United States Armed Forces; 5.) not have been a drug or alcohol abuser; 6.) not be mentally ill; 7.) not have exhibited violent behavior in the past; 8.) have demonstrated to the sheriff a knowledge of handgun safety by taking a course which includes a minimum of 16 hours of handgun safety training by an agency or individual specified in the act.

The cost of the permit would be \$50, and it would be valid for three years.

The featured speaker at Tuesday's rally, sponsored by the Missouri Legislative Issues Council (MOLIC), was Neal Knox. Knox has been writing articles about firearms for more than 30 years and is widely respected as one of the leading voices for the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. He is also the second vice president of the National Rifle Association.

"He is very well known and very well respected in the pro-gun community," said Greg Pugh, vice president of the Second Amendment Coalition of Missouri, based in St. Louis. "We invited Neal to speak because we knew he would draw

people, and he's a long-time supporter of our effort."

Although an estimated 1,500 advocates attended the rally, Knox said his presence at the event had little effect as to their purpose for coming to the Capitol.

"Even though there are a lot of people here, their reason for being here isn't to see me," Knox said. "It is because they feel there is a need for measures to be taken in public safety."

Although the NRA is not directly pushing for the bill, Knox said the organization supports the efforts.

"This is purely a grassroots effort," he said. "Whatever it takes to help these guys get it through, we're going to get it through." □

## HIGHER EDUCATION

# Scholarship bills give education to needy students

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri lawmakers may make it easier for financially challenged high school graduates to attend college.

Rep. Mary Bland (D-Kansas City) has introduced two bills

that would provide scholarships for incoming freshmen who may not be able to attend college without the financial aid. House Bill 41 would create the Missouri Transition Program, which would be administered by a board consisting of one representative from each publicly funded four-year institution of higher education in Missouri.

"The transition scholarship bill focuses on underprivileged students and students who are at risk," Bland said. "At risk in the sense that they would not have the opportunity to attend college."

The scholarship is based on a program that was first created by a New York firm at Vanderbilt University. The students who receive funding at the university are required to be part of a campus group called "The Posse."

Bland said the Missouri students must have a certain grade-point average to be eligible for the scholarship. They would also be required to participate in groups similar to the one at Vanderbilt.

Bland is sponsoring another measure, House Bill 46, that will also provide General Assembly scholarships for underprivileged students.

Under this proposal, high school students would have to have a 2.5 GPA and an ACT score of 18, Bland said. Students with families that make less than \$24,000 per year would receive full scholarships, with partial scholarships awarded to students with families in the \$25,000 to \$35,000 range.

Bland said the purpose of the scholarship is mainly to award students who didn't necessarily finish in the top of their class but have done well enough in school to be productive college students.

"The reason this is such a good plan is because it gives parents the opportunity to give their children some incentive at a very young age," she said. "It is very important for parents to promote their children toward higher education." □

## CBHE

# Commish search begins

Korn/Ferry firm to assist CBHE in finding replacement

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Dr. Charles McClain is finally going to get his chance to retire. That is, if the Coordinating Board for Higher Education can find someone to replace him.

The CBHE met in Jefferson City yesterday with William Funk, a rep-

resentative from Korn/Ferry International, to develop a plan of attack in an attempt to find a new commissioner for higher education. Korn/Ferry is a consulting firm based in Texas.

McClain, in his sixth year as commissioner, attempted to step down last year, but Gov. Mel Carnahan convinced the former Northeast Missouri State University president to stay on one more year.

"We tried to talk him into staying," said Jerrilynn Voss, CBHE chair. "The governor finally stepped in and asked him to stay."

Korn/Ferry International was one of four firms the Board considered to assist in the search. Last year, the Coordinating Board began a search without the assistance of a

consulting firm.

During yesterday's meeting, Funk asked each Board member what traits would be important for a new commissioner. The general consensus was that the Board wanted someone similar to McClain.

"The Board has had an excellent experience with Dr. McClain," Funk said. "Leadership criteria is sometimes hard to describe. We want to get the very best person."

He said the search would not be limited to Missouri.

"We may focus somewhat on the state of Missouri, but this is a nationwide search," Funk said.

The Board will meet March 10 in Jefferson City and may begin discussing candidates. □

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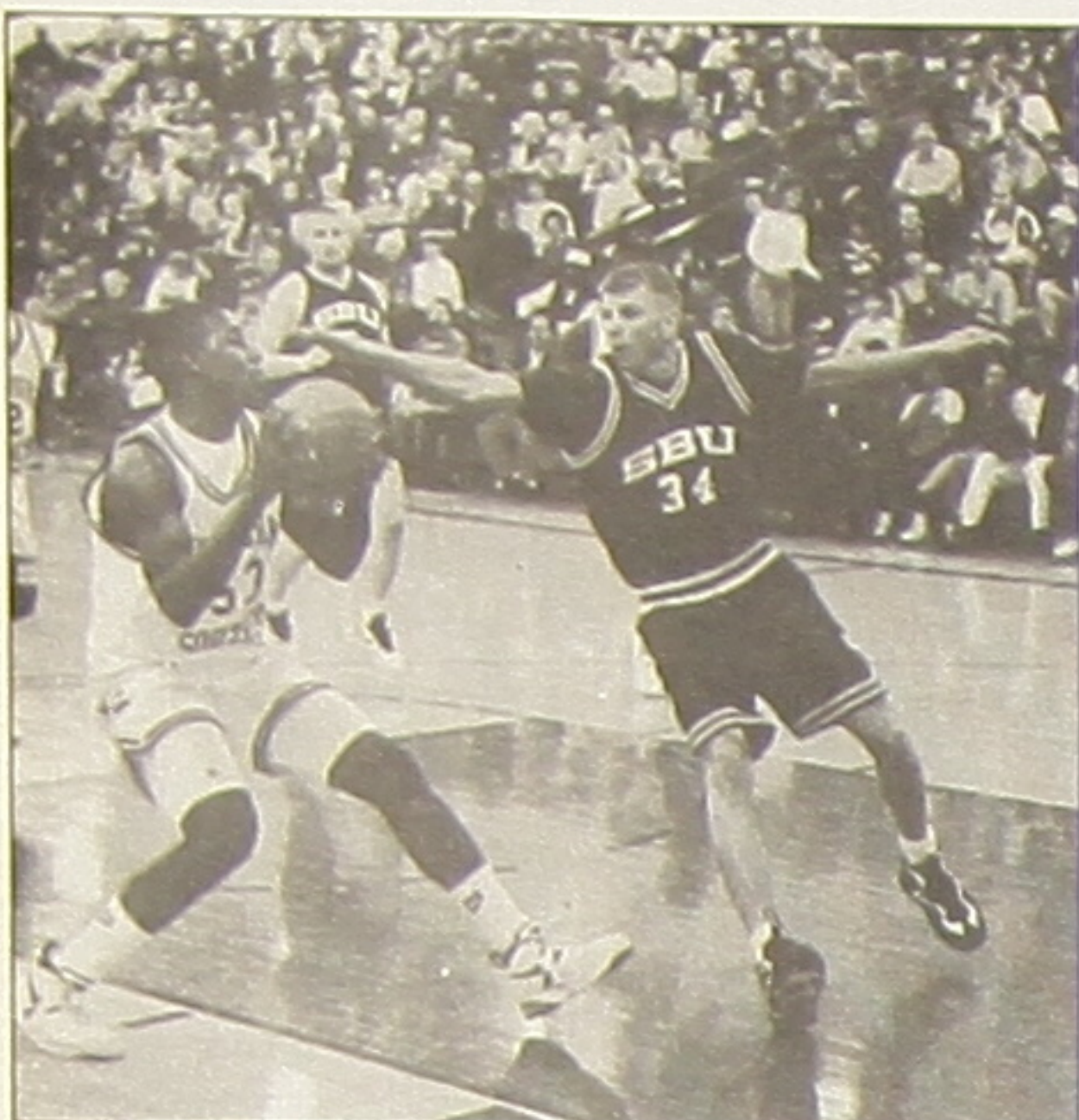


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Amtrak conductor Sylvester Porter checks his watch just before signaling for all passengers to board the train at the Jefferson City train station. For economic reasons, the Amtrak board of directors has decided to discontinue rail service between St. Louis and Kansas City, including the stop at the capital.



## POWER IN THE PAINT



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Senior forward Terrance Sisson drives the lane against Southwest Baptist's guard Maury Leitzke last night at Southern.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Playoff picture bleak after 82-75 loss to SBU

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Behind the torrid second-half three-point shooting of Southwest Baptist's Maury Leitzke, the Bearcats pulled out a 82-75 road victory over struggling Missouri Southern last night in front of 1,500 fans at Young Gymnasium.

Both teams entered the game tied for seventh place in the MIAA, and both SBU (14-7, 5-6) and the Lions (9-12, 4-7) knew a win could put one team closer to a berth in the post-season tournament.

Head coach Robert Corn said he thought his team played well enough to win.

"We played hard and didn't quit," he said. "They (SBU) hit some big

3s in big situations. You have to give them credit for beating us in our building.

"It's a disappointing loss for us."

Junior forward Kevin Shorter caught fire in the second half for Southern and finished with 20 points. He said the Lions needed something to get them going in the second half and thought he was the man for the job.

"I felt we were down much of the game and somebody had to step up," Shorter said. "Everybody's confidence was down, and I felt I was the one to get us back in the game."

Led by 6-foot-10 freshman center Dirk Lommerse, SBU utilized its noticeable height advantage to hammer Southern's smaller front line. Terrance Sisson, who had trouble getting position under the glass, fin-

ished with only 12 points—12 below his season average.

Sophomore forward Greg Ray provided a spark off the bench and pumped in 10 second-half points.

"The thing that helped me was driving to the basket," Ray said. "I was relying too much on my jump shot. It was a big game for us, and it turned out to be a disappointing one."

The Lions' playoff picture dims as they dip three games under the .500 mark in the MIAA standings with only five conference games remaining.

"I think we'll come back strong," Shorter said. "A win tonight would have put us in the heat of the playoffs. Now, we have to fight like dogs to get in the tournament. But I think we have the ability to get there." □

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Southern wins eighth straight

*Lady Lions caught in first-place deadlock after Washburn's 69-58 win over Western*

By NICK PARKER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Winning their eighth consecutive game last night, the Lady Lions beat Southwest Baptist 88-72 in front of an estimated crowd of 1,000.

The win earned the team a tie for first place in the MIAA with Missouri Western, which lost to Washburn 69-58 last night.

With Western's loss, head coach Scott Ballard is looking forward to a possible conference championship game in St. Joseph Wednesday.

"We have a good chance to win at Western," he said. "We went there three times last year and won all three games."

The Lady Lions are now 16-5 overall and 10-1 in the conference. Missouri Western is 19-2 and 10-1.

Senior guard Sonya Harlin led the team last night with 32 points. Harlin was 12 of 20 from the field and 5-10 from three-point territory. Ballard credits one of Harlin's second-half three-pointers for keeping the momentum in Southern's favor.

"That was a big bucket," he said, "because it took a lot of momentum from anything they were trying to put together. Then

Melissa [Grider] hits one at the top of the key, and then Tommie [Horton] hits one from the right wing."

Southern's starting five combined for 68 points, including 12 each by Horton and Grider.

Ballard credited Southern's points off passes as a key to the win.

"The kids we started really played a lot better in the second half," he said. "We took care passing the basketball and shot well. We had some nice baskets and got some nice stuff in transition."

Southern's play under the basket helped keep the Bearcats out of the game. Karen Loewe had 12 rebounds, Harlin had seven, and Horton contributed six to the team total of 47.

The Lady Lions again chose to use the press defense. They were able to force 20 turnovers, including four blocked shots and eight steals. Harlin had three steals and two blocked shots.

SBU had problems early with Southern's press and was forced to play catch-up through the entire game. Bearcat head coach Jim Middleton said he has not been pleased with his team's defense the last two weeks and gave credit to the Lady Lions'

## GOING FOR TWO



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Senior guard Tommie Horton takes the ball to the hole versus the Lady Bearcats last night at Young Gymnasium. Southern won 88-72.

offense. Middleton said he has a great deal of respect for Southern's Grider and Harlin.

"She (Harlin) is one of the best players in the conference," Middleton said.

Junior center Danielle Box led the Lady Bearcats with 27 points. Sophomore guard Jan Robins added 19 points.

Southern will take the home court again at 6 p.m. Saturday against the Lincoln University Lady Tigers.

The Lady Lions will travel to St. Joseph to play Missouri Western Lady Griffons at 5:30 p.m. in a conference match-up Wednesday. □

## FOOTBALL AWARDS

## Players honored at half

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Awards were handed out last night to members of the 1994 football Lions at halftime of the men's basketball game.

The event was extra special for one individual. Junior tailback Albert Bland received many honors, including the prestigious most valuable player award selected by the players themselves.

Bland also received plaques for being selected MIAA player of the week (twice), first-team all-conference, first-team all-region, third-team all-American, and national player of the week.

Senior offensive lineman Chris Tedford was the first Southern player to be honored as a two-time academic all-American. Tedford also won the honor in 1993.

Defensive back Cedric Florence and defensive end Richard Jordan received first-team all-region and honorable mention all-American honors.

Other receiving honors were Gerald Brewer, Branton Dawson, Chad Casey, G.W. Posey, Steve Halvorson, Eric Jackson, Justin Taylor, James Thrash, and Jared Kaalohelo. □

## TRACK AND FIELD



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Despite the bitter temperatures, three members of the Lions' track squad get a head start on the season.

## Walker springs Lady Lions at KU

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Something old plus something new put the Lady Lion cross country squad on the map at the University of Kansas Invitational Saturday.

Senior jumper Tongula Walker and freshman distance runner

Dalana Lofland combined for a total of six places in as many events. Walker placed fourth in the long jump, second in the triple jump, and ninth in the 200-meter.

"She's a great athlete," women's head coach Patty Vavra said. "Actually, she was a little disappointed with her performance on Saturday. But that tells you a little

bit about Tongula."

Lofland placed third in the 55-meter, seventh in the 200-meter, and fourth in the 600-meter. Vavra said Lofland's performance at Kansas was surprising even though she worked hard for it all season.

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## BASEBALL

## Division I openers not friendly to Lions

By NICK PARKER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite Missouri Southern's 0-2 start, head coach Warren Turner and the baseball Lions remain confident.

Turner and his players agree the team needs some fine tuning before conference play begins March 17 at home against Pittsburg State University.

However, coaches and players alike emphasize that the Lions' early games are on the road at NCAA Division I schools and provide good experience.

Turner called his team humble after Tuesday's 16-6 loss to Oklahoma State.

"We have a lot of work to do," he said. "We've got to keep positive, keep working, and trying to improve, and hope that someday we can put it together."

The Lions kept it close at 8-6 until the Cowboys pulled away with eight runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Turner said he is using early non-conference games to evaluate talent. A final lineup will be set when

conference games begin.

"We're trying to use all of our pitchers," Turner said. "We have a lot of new guys to look at. When we start our tournaments, we'll be trying to get down to who our four starters will be."

Junior catcher Bryce Darnell is keeping the tough early season schedule in perspective.

"I think we look pretty good," he said. "We've got to work on a few things and find out who's going to play everyday."

"We know the first six teams we play have better talent than us. We're not real happy with the outcome of the score, but we're more concerned about how we play."

Chris Richard hit two home runs and drove in five runs for the Cowboys.

The Lions play two games tomorrow and Saturday at the University of Arkansas. Game times are 3 p.m. and 1 p.m.

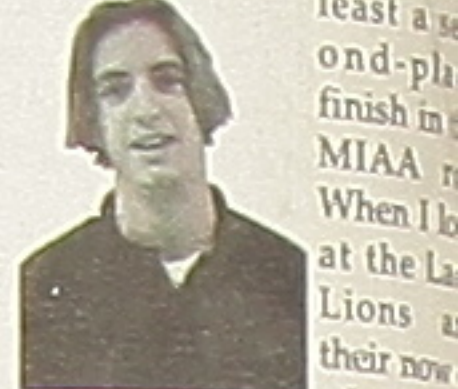
Southern will play host for two spring break tournaments: The Larry Miller Classic, Mar. 5-11, and the Mutt Miller Classic, Mar. 12-17. □

## SPORTS COLUMN

## 8 in a row baby, kudos Lady Lions

The Missouri Southern Lady Lions are on a roll.

Last night's win over Southwest Baptist secured at least a



NICK  
PARKER

what makes them win. What is it that has sparked the streak?

To the average fan, offense is the answer. Question: What wins games? Answer: More points than the other team. Southern appears to have the appropriate arsenal to score a lot of points. Just two weeks ago against Northwest Missouri State, every member of the team scored en route to a 102-victory.

With key players like freshman forward Sarah Beck averaging 9.0 points per game, and senior center Karen Loewe, 12.5 points per game, one should be rather timid about betting against Southern. Especially with other players shooting over 38 percent from the floor. These include team leaders like senior guard Sonya Harlin, who netted 17 points, and junior guard Melissa Grider, who added 25 in the game against Northwest. The threat of the three-point shot is always evident as well.

Head coach Scott Ballard says the key has been free throw shooting. Currently the Lady Lions are shooting nearly 75 percent from the charity stripe, which places them second in the nation. I admit offense is a ingredient to victory, but the Lady Lions' defense, which has caught my eye, is Southern has the ability to use several different defenses and mix them up well during the course of a game.

This point was well illustrated in Saturday's game against Washburn when Southern was losing with about 30 minutes left. The Lady Lions switched from a man-to-man defense to a zone. The zone look kept the Lady Lions from scoring any more field goals as Southern outscored Washburn 16-8 to prevail 63-63.

Southern's ability to pressure other teams and force turnovers has not only resulted in several transition points, but it also sets emotional tempo throughout the games.

Hey, major kudos to senior Karen Loewe, who has stepped up as a defensive player. Her prowess on the boards has not only given the Lady Lions needed help, it gives them a psychological boost as well.

Finally, the key for the Lady Lions is Ballard, who has built a great program at Southern. He's well respected by his players; in fact, Harlin describes him as "amazing."

At this point, Ballard refuses to admit the Lady Lions are on a hot streak because, as he puts it, "we haven't peaked yet." Well, coach, our team hasn't peaked yet, but we want to be there to see that point. And at that pace, that might occur in the post-season play.

With last night's win over 15th-ranked SBU, Southern should find itself with a 20 ranking when the next game is released. □

*Nick Parker*



# Nothing but NET

NICK PARKER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For senior guard Sonya Harlin, basketball is a part of her everyday life. "I get home, I have a break, and I think I'm going to do something else, but I just end up playing basketball all of the time," Harlin said. "I play basketball with my friends, I sit at home and watch basketball, I do a lot of stuff with basketball."

Harlin's attitude toward basketball is evident when she takes the court for Missouri Southern. Her enthusiasm for basketball is visible in her everyday conversations as much as it is on the floor. Lady Lions head coach Scott Ballard said he has been impressed with Harlin's enthusiasm and work ethic since her arrival in 1992.

"She's the type of player who makes the people around her better players," Ballard said. "No. 1, she is a very talented basketball player; No. 2, she always comes to practice and works hard. I've never seen her loaf—never. She is

the same person all of the time; everybody respects her as a person and a player.

"Sonya is a very dedicated and serious basketball player and person in everything she does. She has some

God-given athletic abilities, but she's made herself an excellent player because of her work ethic and her attitude."

As a senior, the Lady Lion guard realizes this is her final season and has tried to step her game up a notch. Her effort is crystal clear. She has emerged as one of the top players in the MIAA, both defensively and offensively. Harlin is among the team leaders in shooting percentage, assists, and rebounds.

"She is a quiet leader, but leads by example," Ballard said. "She

doesn't do a lot of talking, she just does a lot playing. Some people lead verbally, and others lead quietly; they lead by action, and that's the type of leader she is."

Harlin describes her role as a leader similarly.

"I'm not real talkative. I try to be a leader on the court, but as for screaming and yelling, no, I'm more of the quiet type. But as far as being a leader on the court, I try to be."

"I try to get the team involved in everything,"

she said. "Last year I had a lot more big games, but this year we've felt more confident than last year. We've got more offensive players, where I don't have to have all of the big games like I did last year."

Harlin, from Lee's Summit High

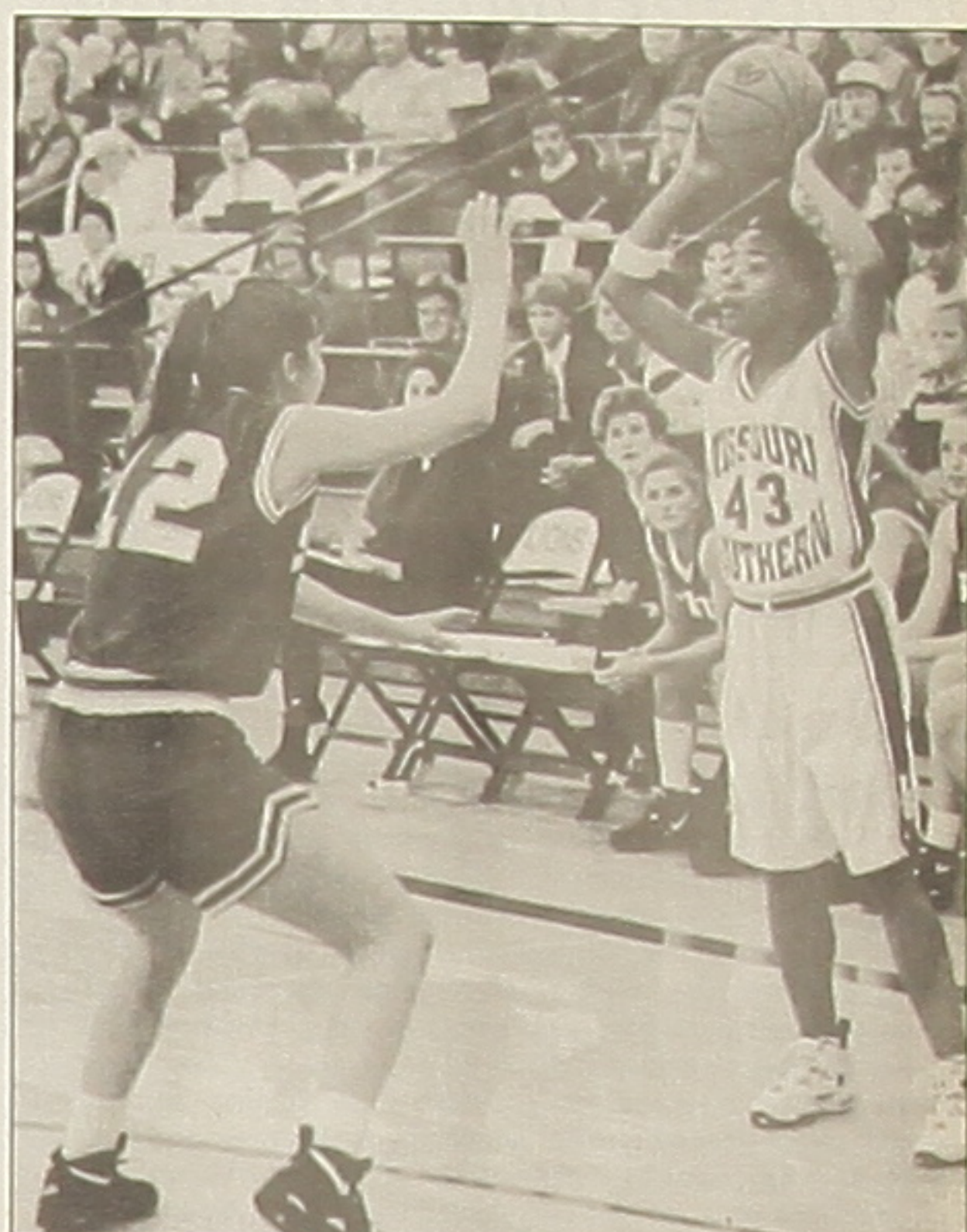
School, began her collegiate career at Moberly Junior College before being recruited by Ballard. She said one of the things that drew her to the College was the support received by women's basketball and women's athletics in general.

"This was the only small school I had looking at me," she said. "Every body thought I was going Division I. That (the support) was a big deal."

"If you go to Missouri or Kansas, you won't see anybody there, and that's sad. Southern is one of the best schools as far as support for women's basketball or any women's sport goes."

"We go to away games and there is none there, when we went down to Lincoln we had more fans than they had. Southern is really good at that. When we went down to Western last year we had a lot of people there."

At Lee's Summit Harlin and her Lady Tigers won the Missouri 5A State Championship her senior year and were state runner-ups her sophomore year. Harlin was selected to the all-state team both her junior and senior years. □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Sonya Harlin looks to make a pass through Jennifer Rieffle's defense.

## SPORTS ANALYSIS

# 12 is enough; MIAA should divide within

JECK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two seasons ago, the conference was using a north and south divisional system, dividing the MIAA into two sections in both men's and women's basketball.

The idea of divisions within the conference is nothing out of the ordinary for leagues consisting of 12 teams or more. The Southeast Conference and the soon-to-be Big 12 both will or does use the 12-team divisional format. The Big 12, which will not begin league play until 1997, will compute the Big Eight with four teams from the Southwest Conference.

Narm Stewart, University of Missouri head coach, told *The Chart* he has mixed feelings about the Big 12's decision to use north and south divisions.

"With whatever the Big 12 decides, I am hopeful that they will do something to keep the traditional rivalries together,"

Stewart said. "The other thing is to make sure each team plays each other at least once."

"I don't like the idea of the north and south divisions to some point, because they cause comparisons. But it is an easier system standings-wise."

Last season, under the advice of Missouri Western head coach Tom Smith, the MIAA revoked its divisional format and instituted a new computer-based scheduling system with a basic 12-team league. Under this so-called state-of-the-art system, scheduling for each team is selected by the computer at random. Also, the computer decides teams' home and away schedules and which teams will play each other twice.

The strange thing is, Smith, who originated the current system, would like to see it stopped. He would like to see the MIAA reinstate the six-team divisional format.

"I would be in favor of it (six-team division format)," Smith said. "I think we need to get back

## Time For Change?

### North

Missouri-St. Louis  
Northeast Missouri  
Lincoln  
Northwest Missouri  
Missouri Western  
Washburn

### South

Missouri Southern  
Pittsburg State  
Emporia State  
Central Missouri  
Southwest Baptist  
Missouri-Rolla

to more natural rivalries. I would be happy to swallow my pride and admit my mistake."

"I thought it would be fair, over a 20-year schedule, that everyone would play each other, but it takes too long and destroys rivalries."

Here is an example of how the computer scheduling system is doing just that. This season, Missouri Southern opened play against arch-rival Pittsburg State in a non-conference affair. This year, the computer pitted the two

teams against each other only once in conference play.

For Southern and PSU not to play each other at least twice a season could prove disastrous for both institutions. The attendance, money, and balanced competition stemming from those two nights are crucial for Southern and PSU.

Even Scott Ballard, Southern's women's coach, thinks the MIAA should consider going back to its six-team format or converting to a round-robin tourney schedule.

"My first choice would be a

round-robin so that there could be no schedule advantage with any of the top teams," Ballard said. "As long as we have 12 schools in our conference, they need to probably go with northern and southern divisions."

So here is my solution. Split the MIAA in two directions, north and south. Put Southern, PSU, Southwest Baptist, Emporia State, Missouri-Rolla, and Central Missouri in the south division. The north division would consist of Northeast Missouri, Missouri-St. Louis, Lincoln University, Northwest Missouri, Missouri Western, and Washburn.

Teams within their division would play each other twice. Outside the division, only one game would be played against each team.

This would give us a conference schedule still consisting of 16 games. And the top two finishers in each division would move to the semifinals of the conference tournament. □

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"For a freshman it is never easy on the indoors circuit at all," Vavra said. "She just runs super aggressive, and she runs as hard as she can."

After a 18-month lay-off due to a knee injury, senior distance runner Rhoda Cooper made her first appearance in a competitive meet since October 1992. Vavra said Cooper's return was a great accomplishment for her and the team.

On the men's side, sophomore middle distance runner Paul Baker placed second in the 800-meter with a time of 1:54.44, just .34 seconds away from the national qualifying time.

Senior distance captain Jamie Nofsinger placed fourth in the 1,000-meter with a time of 2:35.00. "Jamie is a consistent runner," Rutledge said. "He is not the kind of guy who is going to go out there and beat the world. Jamie is kind of like a work horse; anything he gets he is going to have to earn."

The Lions had three other members who placed at the Kansas Invitational. Junior jumper Albert Bland placed fifth with a long jump of 22 1/2. Rutledge also said freshman sprinter James Thrash and junior sprinter Etolue Chuku ran excellent races in the 55-meter. □



## SOUTHERN SCOREBOARD



### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

#### Lions Basketball

**Saturday**—Southern vs. Lincoln, home 8 p.m.

**Wednesday**—Southern vs. Missouri Western, away 7:30 p.m.

#### Lady Lions Basketball

**Saturday**—Southern vs. Lincoln, home 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**—Southern vs. Missouri Western, away 5:30 p.m.

#### Lions Baseball

**Friday**—Southern vs. Arkansas, away 3 p.m.

**Saturday**—Southern vs. Arkansas away 1 p.m.

**Tuesday**—Southern vs. Oklahoma, away 3 p.m.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

1995 Conference Standings (2-7)

	Con.	Overall
1. Washburn	8-2	15-5
2. Northeast Missouri	6-2	12-7
3. Missouri Western (16)	7-3	17-3
4. Central Missouri	7-3	16-4
5. Missouri-St. Louis	7-3	13-7
6. Pittsburg State	5-5	9-10
7. Southwest Baptist	4-6	13-7
8. Northwest Missouri	4-6	10-10
9. Missouri Southern	4-6	9-11
10. Emporia State	3-7	5-14
11. Lincoln	2-8	6-16
12. Missouri-Rolla	1-9	9-11

#### Lions Stats

Player	PPG	FG%
Sisson	23.9	.610
Shorter	14.6	.469
Farmer	9.8	.540
Hardin	9.1	.373
Henderson	9.0	.362
Smith	7.2	.362
Ray	5.0	.405
Rath	2.1	.410
Hinds	1.2	.500
Anderson	.5	.000

#### Player of the Week

Emporia State's senior guard Sean Robbins averaged 33.5 pts., 6.5 rebounds

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1995 Conference Standings (2-7)

	Con.	Overall
1. Missouri Western (3)	10-0	19-1
2. Missouri Southern	9-1	15-5
3. Pittsburg State (12)	7-3	17-3
4. Southwest Baptist (15)	7-3	15-3
5. Washburn	7-3	15-5
6. Central Missouri	4-6	13-7
7. Emporia State	4-6	10-9
8. Missouri-Rolla	5-5	11-9
9. Northwest Missouri	2-8	9-10
10. Missouri-St. Louis	2-8	7-13
11. Northeast Missouri	3-7	6-13
12. Lincoln	0-10	5-13

#### Lady Lions Stats

Player	PPG	FG%
Harlin	16.9	.389
Girder	14.1	.368
Loewe	12.5	.482
Beckley	9.0	.649
Horton	7.7	.385
Shaw	7.7	.446
Cunningham	6.2	.458
McLeary	5.8	.388
Comstock	3.1	.323
Hooker	.04	.090

#### Player of the Week

Pittsburg State's Jenni Miller sophomore forward averaged 20.0 pts., 9.0 rebounds

### INTRAMURALS

#### Hot Shot Contest:

Played during league games, results next issue

#### Racquetball Tourney:

Deadlines:  
Novice singles: today  
Advanced singles: Feb. 20  
Doubles: March 1  
Mixed doubles: March 8

#### Bowling League:

Sign up begins: Feb. 13  
Deadline: Feb. 23  
Rules meeting: March 1

### TRACK & FIELD

#### Kansas Invitational

**Men's results**—Paul Baker, 1:54.44 in 800m; James Thrash, 6.54 in 55m; Etolue Chuku, 6.56 in 55m; Albert Bland, 5th place in long jump  
**Women's results**—Walker 4th long jump, 2nd triple jump, 9th 200m; Cooper, 7th 5000m; Loftland, 3rd 55m, 7th 200m, 4th 600m.

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# International task force prepares to take Southern around the world

Curriculum committee begins preliminary work on international courses

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

A new major is in the working stages as the international task force's subcommittee on curriculum labors to get a new program in international studies ultimately approved by the campus.

"We didn't adapt an existing program elsewhere for Missouri Southern, we created one for Missouri Southern," said Richard Massa, communications department head and chair of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee is proposing a major that includes six new interdisciplinary courses, 18 hours of a foreign language, and an 18-hour block of elective courses. The proposed new courses are: Introduction to International Studies, World Humanities, World Environmental Issues, Modern World Civilizations, Comparative Political Economy, and Senior Thesis in International Studies.

According to Massa, the subcommittee looked at what general characteristics existing "international" majors at other colleges seemed to have and whether they might be tailored to serve specific students here.

"There were some schools who obviously were building the programs totally around foreign languages or totally around business or totally around some other aspect," he said. "We wanted to establish a program around which all our various departments could build."

Massa said the committee is trying to create a program that it believes will best serve the needs of Missouri Southern students by offering flexibility, quality, and substance.

Because international studies is such a broad topic, Massa said materials from other courses may make their way into the individual new courses being proposed.

"We finally felt that the interdisciplinary nature of the courses we proposed would best benefit the students," he said. "However, I have to point out that these courses have not yet been designed—they are in the process of design—and many of these courses may involve elements of many other courses on campus."

"Perhaps there might be touches of Interpersonal Communication or Intercultural Communication in one of these courses or in all six of these courses. There might be elements from other courses on campus that would become essential parts of these courses that would be brought in with an international, multicultural touch."

Although these proposed classes would contain certain elements of the diverse nature of international studies, Massa believes the 18-hour elective block of courses must be carefully chosen.

"I think if you would ask every single department on campus what they feel should be part of an international curriculum, they will mention one or two of the courses in their own department," he said. "Each department can make a separate claim that there are one or two courses that they feel should be required for this major."

"If we followed that procedure, we would have a highly restrictive major composed of maybe 15 courses which would allow the student no flexibility, would not bring about the cohesion we are looking for, and that simply would not serve the purpose of bringing together ideas. With the elective block, however, departments can propose areas of study to form 18-hour blocks."

"These would be 'minors,' and, perhaps, would serve to make some majors 'international.' Outside the proposed major are still 23 free elective hours which can be worked with in various ways to make the international studies student very proficient in some other specific area."

Massa said the program could be implemented within one year after passage. But he stresses this part of the subcommittee's report is only a working document. There was no proposal made to the faculty or anyone outside the committee on how courses in the total curriculum would be designated "international" and what the designation would be.

"We are still working on what criteria would be used to determine whether or not a course would be so designated," he said. "Those criteria have been distributed to members of the faculty, deans, and department heads. But again, these are working criteria. They are the criteria which have been established at this point for the work of the committee."

"In our committee we are calling such courses 'M' courses. What we will propose when our work is done, I don't know."

"As for the major, there might be a similar course in our proposal found somewhere else, but you will not find all six of those courses with all of these found anyplace else. This is a Missouri Southern curriculum."

"I believe it is a highly flexible major, one that allows individual departments an enormous opportunity to tie in to the major and create truly substantive area studies." □

Exchange committee working toward greater student, faculty travel

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

If one faculty member's vision becomes reality, a significant number of Missouri Southern students will become world travelers.

Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology and chair of the exchange committee of the College, said the goal of the international task force is to give students a chance to learn about international affairs hands-on.

"The best way is not to tell our students about foreign countries, but to get them there," Jackson said. "I would like to see 25 percent of our students beyond the borders."

The committee on exchanges, headed by chairwoman Rebecca Spracklen, seeks to broaden the horizons of students and faculty members.

"The committee of overseas exchanges tries to imitate the experience of traditions overseas and promote traditions," she said. "The goal for us is to send students and faculty members."

Spracklen said only three countries or cities are involved in the exchange program: Oxford University, Salamanca, Spain; and England.

She said the exchange committee has formed three subcommittees, with the main focus on searching for and identifying new areas of study in the next five years. Asia, Africa, and South America are being considered for the exchange program's expansion.

"Our program is not having trouble finding places to send people," she said.

The whole program's objective is to get students and faculty exposed into the international market they will be entering, because it will be an international market. Some students growing up in the Midwest probably haven't stepped out of their own state—that is not a realistic picture.

Rebecca Spracklen  
Chair, subcommittee on exchanges

Spracklen said. "The International Student Exchange Program, (ISEP), which is a nationally funded program, has many places established already. We are also trying to find places faculty members have been or schools that could provide positive experience for our students."

The final two subcommittees are to focus on domestic programs within the United States and establish rationale within the objectives of the exchange program.

Spracklen said the exchange committee formed the three subcommittees to ensure the student will receive enhancing experience overseas.

"The whole program's objective is to get students and faculty exposed into the international market they will be entering, because it will be an international market," she said. "Some students growing up in the Midwest probably haven't stepped out of their own state—that is not a realistic picture."

Spracklen also stressed the importance of having a follow-up program about a student's or faculty member's experiences when they return.

"When students come back from their trip they have a lot of experience to share," she said. "This program would give students and faculty a chance to share their experiences with each other."

Spracklen said the exchange committee wants to accomplish one thing.

"We want to guarantee that it will be a positive experience for all members involved," she said.

At least one member of the College's administration is a believer in the work of the international task force. "It may sound trite, but I would like to think [five years from now] we will be on the cutting edge of American higher education," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "We hope to be a leader in five areas being covered by the five subcommittees of the international task force: curriculum, English as a second language, foreign languages, exchanges and student life."

"We are very excited about the possibilities. This would mean great things for the College."

Bitterbaum said future graduates would be increasingly marketable as instructors would begin to give courses with an international flavor.

"With the emergence of the global economy, employers will be looking for students with a global perspective," he said. "In an ecology course, for example, students could study what is going on in Europe rather than in the United States." □

## HOW WE GOT HERE...

Nov. 30, 1989

Gov. John Ashcroft challenges at least one state college or university to tackle an international mission.

"...which Missouri institution might dare to develop a strong international emphasis that would permeate the entire institution?"  
—Gov. John Ashcroft

June 15, 1990

College President Julio Leon introduces the idea of a globally aware campus to Southern's Board of Regents.

"The 21st century is already here. We have to prepare our students to deal with a global environment. Hopefully, it will permeate in everything that we teach in the classroom. We think we are on the right track."  
—College President Julio Leon,

March 25, 1994

The College's Board of Regents approves the hiring of Dr. Erik Bitterbaum as Southern's vice president for academic affairs.

"I think there are number of opportunities in international education the College could look at."  
—Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs

Jan. 26, 1995

Legislation is introduced by Rep. Gary Witt (D-Platte City) and Sen. Sid Johnson (D-Gower) to approve and fund an international mission for Missouri Southern.

"I haven't heard any opposition to the mission change. I'm sure there will be some questions, but I think it will do well."  
—Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin)

Jan. 25, 1995

Subcommittees of the College's international task force issue reports and make suggestions as a prelude to development of a three-year plan for implementation of the proposed mission enhancement.

"What we are hoping will come out of this is a blueprint for international education at the College."  
—Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs

Feb. 1, 1995

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